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Liknd leader Binyamin Netanyahu (c) and Tsomet head Rafael Eitan (l) are welcomed to TA's Carmel Market yesterday. (AP)

# Likud, Tsomet to okay pact today

THE Likud and Tsomet Knesset factions are expected to approve the revised alignment. agreement their leaders drew up yesterday, removing all obstacles to the formal sign-

The agreement is to be presented to the press later today by Likud chairinan Binya-min Netanyahu and Tsomer's Rafael Eitan.

It took five hours of talks to iron out the kinks which prevented the initialing of the

The chief problem was the Likud's demand that should the new joint ticket lose, Tsomet will not be able to take mandates " won at the Likud's expense and cross Knes-

The difficulty was not in differences between Netanyahn and Estan, but in finding: the legal formulation which would make the . clause as binding as possible; though it was clear it could not be made air-tight. To anchor the deal in the Knesset Rules, Likud MK Michael Eitan was called in as expert on

the fine print. In the end, it was agreed that neither of the two partners would join a coalition without the other and that, throughout the term : of the 14th Knesset, neither party would withdraw from the bloc. At the end of : the 14th Knesset's tenure, however, the two could decide to run independently

While this does not absolutely rule out defections, the Likud believes it puts considerable moral onus on Tsomet not to renege

Netanyahu was forced to renegotiate with Tsomet after his own Knesset faction reused to approve the agreement and handed it back to him, asking for a more binding undertaking from Tsomet.

Another sticking point was not fully addressed, however. The Likud insists there be an undertaking to respect the existing status quo on religious affairs, while Tsomet's platform features clauses against religious coercion and a demand that all yeshiva students be either conscripted for military service or obliged to do national service.

Likud and Tsomet sources alike report that Tsomet has agreed to declare some form of support for the status quo, but this will be formulated when the two parties put out their joint platform. This is expected to be a short document. In the clause on the status quo it will call for "the encouragement of warm relations between observant and non-observant Jews," with the Likud demanding the addition of the phrase, "ac-

cording to the status quo." In return for all this, the Likud agreed that Tsomet remain an independent party,

keeping its own government financing. Tsomet would get seven places on the list, up to the 42nd slot.

Netanyahn expressed confidence that this version of the agreement would win approv-, but said that if objections are heard that Tsomet newcomers would push Likud candidates down on the list, he "would not punch anyone, but I'll get very angry. Whoever makes this argument is not too smart, because unity will increase the number of seats we will win."

Taking a break in their negotiations, Netanyahn and Eitan went ont from Likud headquarters to the nearby Carmel Market. where they were widely congratulated on their deal.

Meanwhile, the Likud is considering moving its primaries from March 26 to March 12. This follows Labor's decision to advance its primaries from April 17 to March 25. Liat Collins adds:

The religious status-quo clause was added after MK Ovadia Eli threatened to resign from the Likud unless it was agreed upon. At a press conference, Eli said he snpports the agreement "now that its most obvious deficiency has been corrected hy protecting the relations with the religi-

Eli said the clause is essential to keep religious voters and gain support for Netanyahn as a candidate for prime minister.

# Elections on May 28, PM tells Christopher

ELECTIONS will be moved up to May 28, Prime Minister Shimon Peres told US Secretary of State Warren Christopher last night, diplomatic sources said.

However, at a press conference with Christopher after their meeting in Tel Aviv, Peres denied reports that he is likely to officially announce today that elections will be brought forward.

'On the issue of the elections, I announced that I would make an announcement next week, and I am standing by that announce-

ment," he said. Peres reportedly told Labor ministers yesterday morning that he favors the May 28 date. At the meeting, it was decided to establish a team to deal with all aspects of holding early elections.

The team - Internal Security

Minister Moshe Shahal, Interior Minister Haim Ramon, Justice Minister David Liba'i, party sec-retary-general Nissim Zvilli, and Knesset faction chairman Ra'anan Cohen - met in the afternoon, and decided on May 28 as the preferred date.

According to ITV's Channel 1 the party is calling on former Tel Aviv mayor Shlomo Lahat to join the electoral campaign in an undefined function.

Peres reportedly called the decision by Likud and Tsomet to run together "a miserable

He called on his own ministers to show a united front and refrain from arguing in public. "We must appear statesmanlike," Peres said. "We must present the publie with our achievements, not only the peace but also the consequent economic growth."

Peres told the Labor ministers

to stress that Jerusalem will remain Israel's united capital. He said the emphasis should be placed on showing that a peace

agreement with Syria would mean peace with nearly all other Arah countries and that the depth of withdrawal on the Golan Heights would depend of the ex-

tent of the peace.

Peres also discussed the preservation of the religious status quo, and said the religious public should be treated with respect and without discrimination, particularly regarding housing, one of the sector's biggest problems. He asked Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer and Minister Yossi Beilin to prepare a plan to solve the housing problems of the haredim.

One such housing project un-der discussion has raised the ire of Meretz, which objects to the construction of the Kiryat Hasefer neighborhood a kilometer beyond the Green Line.

### Nautilus laser test called successful

A TEST of a joint US-Israeli la-ser system designed to shoot down short-range rockets, such as Katyushas, was successful, US officials said yesterday.

They said the laser "successfully engaged" an mert Katyu-sha, supplied by Israel, during a test conducted at a US Army facility at the White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico on

The test was the first demonstration of the Nautilus program, on which Israel and the US have been working for the last few years. It is designed to destroy short-range rockets, mortar shells, and unmanned reconnaissance aircraft.

The program is being conduct-ed at the US Army Space and Strategic Defense Command's High Energy Laser System Test Facility at White Sands.

The Katyusha used did not carry explosives. Officials said the next test would probably use a live rocket.

"At this time, we think we have all the necessary information to go to the next step in the Nantilus program," said Gerald Wilson, manager of the program.

Officials said that the test results remain preliminary and that technical analysis is still required to determine the degree of success. They said they expect such data to arrive within the next few

The US Army announcement of Nautilus contained few details. It did not mention that Israel is a partner or that the targeted rocket was a Katyusha. Defense sources acknowledge that the program has been under a veil of secrecy since it moved into an intense stage of development eight months ago.
Israeli officials refused to com-

ment on the Nantilus program. US defense sources appeared pleased with the test, conducted after being delayed three times over the past two

### **'Banks** inflated kibbutz debts'

AGRICULTURE Minister Ya'acov Tzur and Internal Security Minister Moshe Shahal are demanding an official commission of inquity into alleged kibbutz debts to the banks, after a preliminary report, published yesterday, said banks inflated the debts.

Supervisor of Bank's Ze'ev Abeles denied reports the banks are at risk of collapsing, if mistakes are discovered in the calculations.

The draft report said the commercial banks miscalculated charges to kibbutzim over many years and that correcting the mistakes will place the stability of the banking sector in doubt.

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Shahal said he supports the conclusions and has long believed the banks were illegally manipulating interest rates and doing "what they pleased."

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### Head of Jerusalem's riot squad may be charged with brutality

State Attorney's Office several

days ago, following six months

of inquiry by the division, the

Havivian allegedly used ex-

cessive force in breaking up a

small protest by Jewish resi-

dents of Hebron ontside the

Russian Compound, where sev-

eral dozen people were being

held for their involvement

in an earlier incident in Heb-

to disperse and when they re-

fused began kicking and punch-

ing them," according to Noam Amon, a spokesman for the He-

bron settlers. He said his 13-

year-old daughter was among

Arnon called for Havivian's

suspension pending the ont-come of legal and disciplinary

proceedings against him. The police, however, made no im-

mediate moves to prevent Havivian from continuing to

The Jerusalem police spokes-

man referred questions on Havivian to the national police

spokesman.

"Havivian told the protesters

THE Justice Ministry's Police : Havivian was turned over to the Investigations Division has recommended charges be filed against the head of the Jerusalem riot squad for allegedly beating right-wing demonstrators during a protest last year, police sources said

The recommendation to file charges against Ch.-Supt. Effi



Radio Jerusalem, 25 Rehov Shachrai,

### Graves to be opened in Yemenite children search

GRAVES will be opened as part of the work of the commission of inquiry into the disappearance of Yemenite children in the 1950s, according to commission chair Yehuda Cohen.

Cohen, who spoke yesterday with Channel 2, said the Yemenite community had asked for the graves to be opened, saying this would prove the children had not died but had been abducted to be given for adoption.

Yesterday the commission visited the Sha'ar Menashe and Karkur Ein-Irron cemeteries, where some of the Yemenite children who disappeared are reportedly

"We have been authorized to open unmarked graves where Yemenite children are suspected to have been buried," said Cohen, a retired judge. Children of Uzi Meshulam disciples traveled yesterday to Safed, where they held a demonstration against Internal Security Minister Moshe Shahai and visited the graves of sages. They prayed for the release of Meshulam.

The Supreme Court is to issue its verdict this morning on Me-shulam's appeal. Meshulam, who was sentenced to eight years in prison for endangering lives, illegal weapons possession, and a host of other offenses, is appealing both his conviction and his sentence.

Meshulam and his followers barricaded themselves with the weapons in his Yehud home for two months in March 1994, protesting the "sale of 4,000 Yemenite children."

In Safed, the children wore shirts reading, "A country that sold its children in the end will be sold to its enemies."

### Amir family protests jail conditions as passersby jeer

PASSERSBY jeered the family of Yigal Amir, the confessed assassin of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, yesterday as Amir's father, mother, and sister led a protest in downtown Jerusalem.

"You are murderers," an elderly man shouted at the Amirs and about 20 other people demanding better prison conditions for Yigal, 25, and the release of two alleged fellow conspirators: his brother, Hagsi, and friend Dror Adani. A young man yelled at a male demonstrator who was speaking on a

loud-hailer: "Because of you Yigal killed." The national spokesman said, Amir's mother stood silently by. His father stood somewhat apart "The material on Havivian from her, also silent. But their danghter, Hadass, said: "He [Haggai] has not yet been received," and offered no further comand Dror Adam didn't do anything ... He didn't hurt anybody." New Amir trial strategy, Page 12



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A koala snacks on excaplyptus leaves in Featherdale Wildlife Park, a Sanctuary near Sydney.

# On The Rocks in

#### by Stanton H. Patty

YDNEY, Australia—They serve history "on the Rocks" here. Mighty smooth. The Rocks is the lively neighborhood in the heart of downtown Sydney where Australia was born.

It was here in Sydney Cove, on a January evening io. 1788, that a fleet of convict ships from England delivered a cargo of human misery.

Aboard were 757 prisoners-ordered "transported for life" to a far-away penal colony that would be called

Before darkness, the convicts were clearing ground for shelters on the sandstone bluffs that gave The Rocks

A redevelopment panel formed by the New South Wales state government in 1970 proposed that The Rocks be razed for high rises.

Logs of the 11 ships carefully listed the rest of the contingent: a military escort of 200 guards, plus 28 women, 14 children, 4 cattle, 6 horses, 44 sheep plus sundry fowl and pigs.

And thus a nation was founded. Today, many of Australia's famous families trace their beginnings to that grim event,

"And with a great deal of pride," says Joanna

McDonald, a Rocks walking tour guide. When King George III lost the war to the "colonies." England had to find a new dumping ground for crimicals and political agitators. Australia-15,000 sea miles and

eight months by sail from Britain-was the choice. Another slice of irony: Capt. William Bligh, who lost the Bounty to a band of mutineers, was one of the early governors of the new colony.

Bligh's run of bad luck followed him to The Rocks in 1805. Rum-swilling soldiers defied his strong-discipline

methods and got him fired. "Actually, Captain Bligh was a much-maligned person." McDonald says. "He's very much a part of our

Now, bard by Bligh's scowling statue on the green by Sydney Cove, tourists board a full-scale replica of the Bounty for cruises around one of the world's most beautiful harbors.

The fare is \$20 (Australian) a pop, mate. Maybe Bill Bligh should have considered a career as a sightseeing skipper.

Today's Rocks district is a place for strolling, with a charming mix of galleries, craft centers, restaurants and pubs along tangles of meandering streets decked with dozens of original-huildings.

Visitors have no trouble getting their bearings. The Rocks are squeezed between two of the city's bestknown landmarks-the Sydney Opera House, with its dramatic roof line of ceramic sails, and the 440-foot-high sweep of the Harbour Bridge.

Every Saturday and Sunday (from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) the area turns into The Rocks Market, with more than 100, vendors offering items from antiques to kitchen gadgets. And in the evening The Market rocks to the beat of

Fresbly Squeezed Fanarics, Home Rule, the . . Murrumbidgee Rattlers and other groups.

This is where Sydney's heart beats fastest.

"But we almost lost it all," says Joanna McDonald. What happened was that as Sydney boomed, The Rocks fell into decay. By the 1960s, the historic district was a seedy and rowdy slum area with few permanent

A redevelopment panel formed by the New South Wales state government in 1970 proposed that The Rocks be razed for high rises.

Sydney folk would be eager, proponents said, to replace an ugly collection of worn-out buildings with skyscrapers by the water's edge.

"No - you can't do this!" howled history-minded

Sympathetic members of the Building Workers Umon called a strike to prevent any new construction in The Rocks. The bureaucrats went back to their drawing

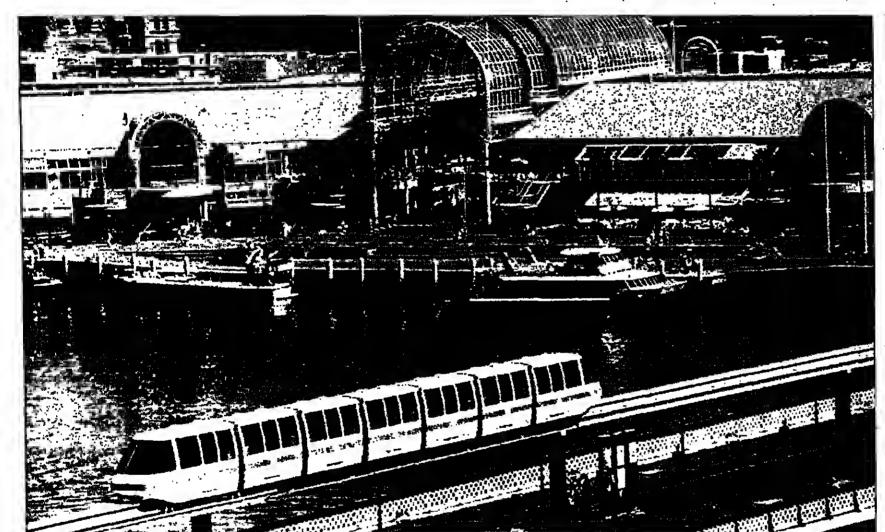
A new plan evolved, a restoration project designed by the Sydney Cove Authority that was to turn The Rocks into an appealing place to work and play.

Historic warehouses and cottages became specialty stores and restaurants. Cells in the old Rocks police station were converted to craft shops. Secluded courtyards became settings for tea time. And some of the dingy row houses-once occupied by laborers' families -now are cozy homes for longtime residents of The Rocks.

Leases from buildings and land controlled by the authority provide enough income to keep The Rocks from being a burden on taxpayers.

"It hasn't been easy," McDonald says. There has been heartache, even hatred, along the way. But now things are blossoming, and we are very. very grateful."...

There are new high rises, too, but only as a backdrop on the uphill edge of The Rocks. The lofty additions



### Land of Oz From page 1

Bounty, the gorgeous sailing ship built for Mel Gibson's "Mutiny on the Bounty," which now offers lunch and dinner cruises-accompanied by actors' salty banter-around Sydney's beautiful central harbor.

I scoped famous Bondi Beach. I gawked at the gorgeous seaward views. I breathed in the fragrance of cucalyptus and marveled at the figs, palms and other tropical foliage that flourishes everywhere. I jogged with a friend at daybreak through King's Cross, the city's red-light district, using the prone bodies of a few smacked-out locals as convenient hurdles. I checked out Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman's manse. drove through the tragically hip Darlinghurst section and toured the city's most instantly recognizable feature-the almost absurdly dramatic Sydney Opera House-which resembles, depending on whom you listen to, a set of sails, an alien craft or a peeled orange.

I was awestruck by the hypnotically intricate aboriginal bark paintings and other pieces in the Yiribana Gallery within the Art Gallery of New South Wales, the largest exhibit of its kind in the world.

And I ate great-even had breakfast with a wombar at the Taronga Zoo-and got a not-to-be-missed, 360-degree view of Sydney from the needle-nosed Sydney Tower, Mostly, I heard how, sorry the New York-like Sydney-siders were that I was about to be forced to exit their glorious metropolis for Methourne, a place they tend to disdain as staid, stagnant and, well ... hopelessly British.

"When visitors come here, they say, "It's very British, isn't it?"" explained a Melbournian friend who, naturally, had his own ideas about the character of Sydney and its denizens. "When Brits come here, they say, 'It's very American, isn't it?"

Actually, Melhourne is just itself; a hip hybrid, h's a livable, culturally aware, sports-happy city of more than 3 million. Known for its art and architecture, it's the kind of town that still uses its trolleys as transportation. The kind of place where, at noontime, you can see business suits barbecuing their lunches in the park on the banks of the Yarra River. It's a town that can support 34 live theater companies and the series of sophisticated, world-class venues that make up the Victorian Arts Center.

Melbourne, situated picturesquely on Port Phillip Bay, fancies itself the home of the Big Event. For me, it was.

It's truly hard for foreigners—well, me, anyway—to grasp that these people actually declare a state holiday every year to celebrate a three-minute horse trot. And the hat thing ...

well, maybe you have to be descended from

During my stay, I attended several performances-from a gloomy postmodem opera in a dockside warehouse to a Barbara Cook cabaret revue in the Arts Center's cushy seatsthat were part of the Melhourne International Festival of the Arts, a genuine Big Event celebrating its 10th year. I wandered through the city's enormous new casino, which boasts more gaming tables than any in the world. I ate a multi-course meal aboard a moving trolley (now the pleasantly touristy Colonial Tramcar Restaurant).

Brits to get it.

And I shopped, I prowled bohemian Brunswick Street, upmarket Chapel Street and the immense, fleamarkety Victoria Market, where you can snag clothes, vegetables and everything in between. ("In Melbourne," confided a newly made friend, "shopping is not a habit. It's a career.") Then there was ... The Cup.

It's truly hard for foreigners-well, me, anyway-to grasp that these people actually declare a state holiday every year to celebrate a three-minute horse trot. And the hat thing ... well, maybe you have to be descended from Brits to get it.

Nevertheless, catching Cup fever is tremendous fun, requiring as it does champagne for breakfast, lunch, dinner

and snacks, Although it's a megabucks proposition for many, bets can be placed for as little as 50 cents Australian. And while society types parade their headgear in the members' boxes, the real people clink Fosters bottles on the lawn, parading their own, often inspired, parodies. (Amazingly, this race is just the center-piece in a series known as the Spring Racing Carnival.)

Cup hysteria—the very concept of it-is just one of the things that makes Melbourne, and Australia in general, worth the trip. The best reason to go is

the people. Maybe it's their temperate climate, or their nothing-to-lose ancestors, or the fact there's just more room to breathe there. Whatever, Aussies are friendly humans, and they've created a welcoming culture.

Gazing into the sky late one night just before coming home, there came another little epiphany; The stars were in new places. To my North American eyes, they were deliciously mixed up, randomly tossed sparkles on black velvet. I made a wish. If it comes true, Oz, I'll be back.

Freeluncer Mary Gillespie's trip was hosted by the Australian Tourist Commission.

### **Talking About Down Under**

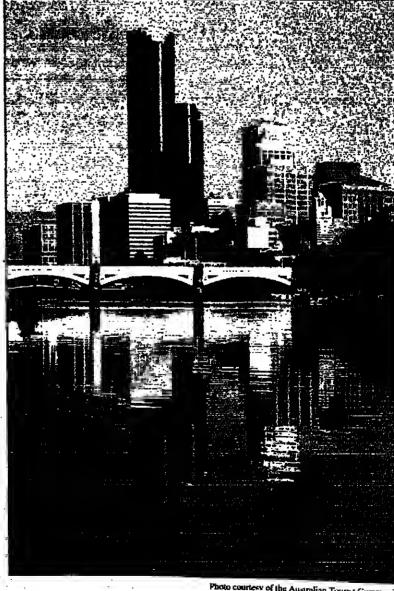
The language they speak in Oz iso't English, exactly. It's ... Australian. Or

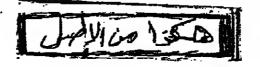
#### Here's a short language survival guide:

Ocker = Australian kanga = money blg bickies = big money shrapnel = small change done like a dinner = tired, drunk or both have an argument, usually with a mate (friend) brolly = umbreBa

(factor than) a rat up a drainpipe = in a finny come the raw prawn = yeah, right (he) couldn't rip the skin off a rice pudding = wime dunny = outside tollet (! have a) mouth like a cocky's cage = hangover ta = thanks

> no worries = you're welcome, it's OK she'll be right = it's OK g'day (pronounced g'die) = hi, goodbye fair dinkum = genuine, true





### Court to decide whether to continue Zo Artzenu trial on February 26

THE Zo Anzenu sedition trial resumed in Jerusalem Magistrate's Court yesterday, with a special three-judge papel setting February 26 as the day they will rule on a defense motion to throw out the

Defense attorneys Sefi Filon and Yair Berger, representing Zo Artzemi heads Moshe Feiglin, Shmuel Sackett, and Benny Elon, essentially repeated the arguments they made during the first hearing last month. At that hearing, they argued the case should be dismissed because the indictment does not spell out specific dates times or spell out specific dates. spell out specific dates, times, or locations to back up the section

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At the initial hearing, Judges Amnon Cohen, Shulamit Dotan and Zvi Zilbertal gave the the prosecution an additional two weeks to flesh out the indictment.

The Jerusalem District Attorney's Office presented the court yesterday with an addendum to the original indictment, listing 13 publications, videos, newspaper articles, and television interviews

three are charged with sedition and eight other offenses stemming from the Zo Artzenu protest campaign last summer.

The addendum, countered Sefi Elon, is not specific and "does not change anything."

Court President Cohen said that

if the court does not dismiss the case, the trial will begin in mid-

Feiglin said after the hearing that the timing of the trial; if the case is not dismissed, is "perfect," since it will take place in the midst of the election campaign. "We will bring experts who will

prove the crimes of the present government. In contrast to the government, everyone will realize that our acts can only be seen as acts of good citizenship," he said. Feiglin charged the government with using the State Attorney's Of-

fice to quell opposition, saying that the real purpose of the trial is to keep Zo Artzenu leaders busy with the case and not leading a protest movement, and to "destroy our public image, to portray us as criminals."

### Shahal speaks out in favor of administrative detentions

LIAT COLLINS

INTERNAL Security Minister Moshe Shahal yesterday justified the administrative detention of Rabbi Arych Friedman and

Shmuel Cytryn,
Answering a motion to the agenda by MK Yosef Ba-Gad (independent), Shahal said administrative detention is aimed at preventing incidents which could threaten public safety and national security. In both cases, he added. there is sufficient evidence that were the men to be-freed, they would carry out violent acrs.

Shahal said Friedman had been trying to obtain weapons with which to attack politicians involved in the peace process; had expressed support for Yitzhak Ra-bin's assassination; called for Shimon Peres's murder, and said that prisonment without trial.

only concern for his 17 children had prevented him from acting.
"I cannot provide you all the

information pertaining to his case, but he provides a threat to public safety." Shahal said.

Regarding Cytryn, Shahal said the High Court had upheld his continued detention on the grounds he could represent a threat to the public, particularly during the IDF pullout from the area near his Kiryat Arba home. -The court determined that

nothing less than detention would prevent him from taking danger-ous action," Shahal said. Both Ba-Gad and Avraham Ra-vitz (United Torah Judaism) spoke

out against the detentions, and said the men do not deserve im-

### Zionist Forum to help defend immigrant couple accused of child abuse

BATSHEVA TSUR

THE legal defense of a Petah Tikva immigrant couple, charged with causing bodily harm to their twin baby daughters, will be paid for by the Zionist Forum.

The forum took the unusual

step of deciding to pay for the case after becoming convinced that the immigrants from the Ukraine are not guilty and that they had been stigmatized in some of the media, a forum official said yesterday.

Natasha and Yuri Mamantov are being charged with causing the two-month-old twins bodily harm, on the basis of an investigation carried out by government pathologist Dr. Yehuda Hiss, who found that the babies' skulls had been cracked by a hard object.

The twins are currently hospitalized at the Schneider Children's Hospital in Petah Tikva.

Forum director Ariella Ravdal. who personally investigated the case, said yesterday that the Mamantovs neighbors and acquaintances are convinced an injustice

was being done to them: "One of the reasons the couple made aliva was to ensure that they would have good medical care, as the mother was in a high-risk group as an asthma sufferer," she said. Natasha Mamantov is a qualified nurse who noticed that the babies had problems following a vacuum birth and took them to the doctor herself, Ravdal added.

Yuri Mamantov was detained after police searched the apartment for a weapon and was forced to sign documents in Hebrew which he does not understand, she said. The grandenother was also questioned.

Experts deride Sneh's free drugs proposal

JUDY SIEGEL

HEALTH Minister Ephraim Sneh's proposal to dispense free prescription drugs to all is an "ex-tremely bad idea" that would lead to overuse of medications and increased hospitalizations, according to Dr. Zvi Fenton, an independent consultant on drugs who formerly was head of pharmaceutical registration at the

Health Ministry.
Britain tried this policy at the beginning of its national health service, but quickly canceled it because of these problems, Feu-

ton said. Dr. Ya'acov Glazer of Tel Aviv University, an expert on the economics of the health system, agreed, saying that throughout the Western world, lack of self-participation in the costs of medications has led to increased use.

"Not all drugs are a matter of life and death. There are medications that are much more expensive, but offer only marginal improvements in patients, but they will demand them free. If a decision is taken to provide prescription drugs free, this should encompass only those that are vital for the chronically ill."

Health Ministry spokeswoman Yifat Ben-Hai dismissed the experts' claims, saying the minister was honestly concerned about the cost of drugs, especially on

Senior citizens' discount card available soon

MICHAL YUDELMAN

LABOR and Social Affairs Minister Ora Namir yesterday issued instructions for implementing the Senior Citizens Law, which grants a series of discounts and reductions for men over 65 and women over 60. Namir said her ministry will issue a public tender for senior citizen

According to the new law, passed Tuesday, senior citizens will get a 30 percent reduction in municipal taxes (armona) for apartments of up to 100 square meters, or on the first 100 square meters in the case of bigger apartments. The reduction will come into effect retroactively as of

Senior citizens will also be eligible for a 50% reduction on television license fees, public transportation, medicines, and admission to muse-

ums, theaters, public parks, exhibitions etc.

The cost of all the reductions is estimated at an annual NIS 180 million.



Internal Security Minister Moshe Shahal points something out to Prime Minister Shimon Peres at yesterday's ceremony renaming the Border Police training base at Milmash in honor of Yitzhak Rabin. Behind Peres is Police Insp.-Gen. Assaf Hefetz. (Zevah Vezalmona)

## Gov't decision on Green Line 'separation plan' due next week

THE government is to make a final decision next week on the much talked about "separation plan" for preventing Palestimans from illegally crossing the Green Line, Internal Security Minister Moshe Shahal said yesterday.

Shahal said he believes the government will give the go-ahead for a stripped down version of the original plan that would cost some NIS 247 million over the next two years. The original plan was slated to cost more than NIS 500m.

Many of the state-of-the-art border patrol technologies, massive fences, and large border-crossing stations originally part of the plan were cut to save money, according to police sources.

Instead, the new plan centers on increased patrols, using an array of off-road vehicles and helicopters in a

several kilometer-wide sector running along the Green Line. Less than a dozen kilometers of fences are included in the new plan, the sources said. We hope to have an answer next week," said

Shahal, speaking to reporters at a ceremony at which the Border Police training base at Mihmash was renamed in memory of Yitzhak Rabin, Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Yuval Rabin, the late prime minister's son, attended the ceremo-

ny. They were given demonstrations by the Border Police undercover unit, the police anti-terror unit, and motorcycle anti-terror squad.

Shahal said NIS 90m. of the funding for the separation plan would be released "immediately after the plan's approval," so steps could be taken quickly to prevent infiltration.

### MKs seek to fire Peres's haredi PR man

MICHAL YUDELMAN

LABOR MKs yesterday urged party leaders to convince Prime Minister Shimon Peres to fire public relations man Rabbi Dudi Zilberschlag, hired to "sell" Peres and Labor to the haredi community, because of his alleged counec-

tions with Kach leaders.

Bill proposed

to neuter

stray cats

LIAT COLLINS

A BILL which would require mu-

nicipalities and regional councils to

neuter stray cats instead of poison-

ing them to control their popula-

tion was passed unanimously by

the Knesset in preliminary reading

yesterday.
The bill, submitted by MK Dov

Shilansky (Likud), passed against

the wishes of the interministerial

committee on legislation, which

apparently fears it will be too cost-

crucity, mass poisonings of cats also affect children who come

across the dead or dying animals.

He also noted that feral cats con-

Environment Minister Yossi

Sarid enthusiastically supported

the bill and noted the experimen-

tal neutering program which has been running in Tel Aviv for the

past two years. Under the pro-

gram, the city collects stray cats from streets and yards, neuters

them, marks them by cutting off a

tip of their left ear, and returns

"If a big city like Tel Aviv can

Tamara More of the Lev Lechai

association, which deals mainly

with cars, said her group welcomes

the bill, but said it would be mean-

ingless without enforcement. To-

day the law already forbids the

poisoning of cats and yet we see cases of mass poisonings all the

time, most recently in Ma'aleh Adamim and Ashdod. More effort

must be made to enforce the cur-

do it, there's no reason why small-

er councils can't," Sarid said.

them to the same place.

trol the rodent population.

Shilansky said that apart from

Zilberschlag, whose services

were hired by Minister Yossi Beilin, has a public relations agency in Bnei Brak. He headed Jerusalem Mayor Ehod Olmert's successful campaign in the haredi sector during the mayoral elections. Zilberschlag is rumored to be a close friend of Kach leader Baruch Marzel and one of the heads of the Society for Preservation of Holy

However, sources in the Prime Minister's Office denied that Peres has a public relations or media adviser working in the haredi

# Ministers act to ease plight of Ethiopian immigrants

BATSHEVA TSUR

A WIDE-RANGING series of steps designed to ease the plight of Ethiopian immigrants was adopted yesterday by the minis-terial committee on absorption. which convened under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Shimon Peres.

The meeting followed last week's violent demonstration by thousands of immigrants, during which Peres met with leaders of the community and promised to look into their grievances.

Addisu Messala, head of the Unified Organizations of Ethio-

pian Immigrants, who participated in both meetings, last night expressed satisfaction with the decisions, but said the community wants to see "visual results."

The personal involvement of the prime minister and the continued efforts by Absorption Minister Yair Tzaban, who has always had our interests at heart, are very encouraging," Messala said, "But often decisions are not carried out fully. We are hoping to see concrete steps in a short

Among more than 30 resolutions adopted yesterday was a decisioo that the Education Ministry immediately set aside a budget for examining oeeds of Ethiopian pupils in the special education system and for increasing extra lessons for weak pupils and those about to do matricula-

tion examinations. The question of blood donations - the central issue over which last week's demonstration was beld - was not mentioned directly in the communique released following the meeting. It stated merely that "the Health Ministry had taken upon itself to co-opt immigrants onto the professional teams dealing with the formulation and implementation of health programs relating to the community, while making a special effort to increase information

and health education." The question of immigrant suicides in the IDF and integration of immigrant soldiers was discussed earlier in meetings between Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak and senior officers and leaders of the community. The ministers decided to set up an advisory committee of community leaders, to increase the oumber of persons dealing with these soldiers, and to set up a soldiers' hot line.

Other matters dealt with at esterday's ministerial meeting include the housing problem of single immigrants, reforms in help granted to students, increasing employment among women in the community, employing Ethiopian immigrants in the civil service, and speeding np the building of community

### A designer sweater for every worker

MICHAL YUDELMAN

line is expected to be the most highly styled collection ever to IDF, as well as from abroad. come off the Ofakim textile plant's --- Under the agreement reached production line - though it may earlier this week between the Hisalso be the last.

shon Bram, and Ynval Caspin. who agreed to design the sweaters in an effort to prevent Ouman's closure - began working on the collection yesterday.

Polgat closed the plant in December and dismissed all its workers. But last week the workers, backed by the Histadrut, reopened the plant and resumed operation

with their own management team. The designers met Ouman's worker-management team io Frankfurt's studio yesterday. They were shown a sample of the various sweaters Ouman's machines can produce and plan a trip to Ofakim to check out the facilities and materials.

During Ouman's closure for nearly six weeks, the Histadrut obtained orders for more than

OUMAN Knitting Mills' winter 200,000 sweaters from large unions, corporations, and the

. tadrut and Polgat, Polgat will con-Three of Israel's top fashion de- tinue operating Ouman for 45 gners - Doreen Frankfurt, Ger- days, during which it will negotiate with private entrepreneurs interested in buying the plant. However, it is not clear whether

Ouman can remain open after the 45 days. Moreover, Polgat has said it has no intention of producing the 200,000 sweaters ordered by workers' unions, saying it would not be not profitable.

Polgat also dismissed the Histadrut's bid to purchase Ouman, calling the Histadrut's offer uneconomical and not serious.

Earlier this week, Polgat signed an agreement with the Histadrut on the severance and pension conditions for Ouman's 184 workers. Polgat also agreed to give workers with 10 years' seniority and three months to retirement age pension rights in the Mivtahim pension fund until they reach retirement.

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WARSAW (Reuter) - President Aleksander Kwasniewski appointed a reshuffled left-wing

cabinet yesterday, easing the political crisis into which Poland had been plunged by Prime Minister Jozef Oleksy's resigna-

tion over spy allegations.
This government of [Prime

Cimoszewicz will be proof of

Poland's stability... proof we can

act effectively and credibly

towards society and the world," a

relieved Kwasniewski said after

announced that the two ruling

partners in the uneasy coalition bad finally clinched a deal after

nearly two weeks of wrangling over key posts and policy princi-

This government will continue

the economic, foreign and social

policy of the previous cabinets,"

Cimoszewicz, of the excommu-

nist Democratic Left Alliance

(SLD), said at the ceremony fol-

The new prime minister earlier

swearing in the new ministers.

Wlodzimierz

Minister]

lowing a final tense round of talks with the smaller Peasant party

Cimoszewicz will now have to

make a policy speech in parlia-ment and submit the cabinet to a

vote of confidence, which it is sure to pass with the nearly

twothirds parliamentary majority the coalition won in 1993 polls.

Poland's politics have been in upheaval since campaigning

began for presidential elections which resulted in the ex-commu-

nist Kwasniewski's November 19

victory over former Solidarity

In one of his last acts as presi-

dent, Walesa oversaw the

December revelation of security service allegations that the SLD's Oleksy had informed for Moscow

spies until becoming prime minis-

but quit last month, prompting tough talks between the coalition

parties which at times seemed

Oleksy denies the allegations

leader Lech Walesa.

ter last year.

cabinet, easing

spy crisis

# Buchanan scores stunning victory Poland gets new \*

JUA NYLA HUTCHESON BATON ROUGE, Louisiana

CONSERVATIVE columnist Pat Buchanan scored a stunning vic-tory Tuesday in the first skirmish of the 1996 US presidential race. dealing a deadly blow to Texas Sen. Phil Gramm.

The vote came in presidential caucuses in the southern state of Louisiana, which was expected to be a Gramm strongbold. Apart from Gramm and Buchanan, only conservative radio talk show host Alan Keyes entered the contest.

With all the votes in, Buchanan won 62 percent of the vote to Gramm's 38%. That was enough to give Buchanan 13 delegates to the Republican national convention while Gramm took eight.

Six Republican candidates. including Senate Majority Bob Dole and publisher Steve Forbes. sat out the election to preserve the radioonal status of Iowa and New Hampshire as the first states to vote. Iowa holds its caucuses, viewed as the first major test of the campaign, on Monday.

The Republican presidential pominee needs 996 delegates at the national convention to ensure selection.

With Cajun music playing, an excited Buchanan claimed a major victory. "The battle of the bayou is over and it bas ended in a great triumph for the Buchanan brigades.

"This is a victory for a new conservatism of the beart... This is a conservatism of faith, family

and country," he declared. According to exit polls, Buchanan won due mainly to a



Republican presidential candidate Pat Buchanan waves to supporters Tuesday night after his upset win in Louisiana.

heavier than expected turnout by ultra-conservative religious Christian voters.

His populist campaign, playing heavily on protectionist rhetoric. also won him the support of lower

However, only around 30,000

Republicans showed up to vote in the election.

The Louisiana vote was a heavy, perhaps even a deadly blow for Gramm, who comes from a neighboring state and had confidently predicted picking up

of the state's 486,000 registered all 21 delegates to the Republican national convention.

Buchanan, who last week won the backing of Louisiana's newly elected Republican Gov. Mike Foster, mounted an unexpectedly

strong campaign.

This is a major upset for

Gramm and it's the only thing that makes the caucuses interesting, said Wayne Parent, a Louisiana State University analyst.

three-man race between Dole. Forbes and Buchanan," he said.

### Bosnia peace in crisis over This is shaping up to be a officers' arrest (Reuter)

SARAJEVO (Reuter) - The Bosnian peace process was in serious crisis yesterday when Bosnian Serb anger at the seizure of two of their officers boiled over and a fault-line appeared in the Moslem-Croat alliance

The UN War Crimes Tribunal the Hague asked the Moslemled Bosnian government to arrest provisionally the two officers, General Djorde Djukic and Colonel Aleksa Krsmanovic, saying it was considering indicting them for atrocities.

NATO urged restraint. But the Serbs, who say the two senior officers were negotiators on their way to a meeting with NATO offi-cials, said the entire peace process was under threat.

"General Djukic must be released if peace is to be reached in the territory of Bosnia-Herzegovina," said General Milan Gvero, deputy commander of the Bosnian Serb army general staff. Bosnian Serb army commander General Ratko Mladic, himself indicted for war crimes, broke two months of silence to threaten to freeze contacts with the NATOled Dayton peace Implementation Force (IFOR). Bosnian Serb "prime minister"

Rajko Kasagic called off meetings with international mediator Carl Bildt and Britain's Prince Charles in Sarajevo later this week, pursuing a Serb boycott of all contacts on Bosnian government territory. Another threat to the survival of a single Bosnian state as envisaged by the peace accord negoti-

ated in Dayton. Ohio, in November, emerged in the south-western town of Mostar. Local Croat leaders rejected the arbitration of the European Union

over the town's future and announced they were breaking off relations with the EU.

Several hundred angry Croats occupied EU offices and kicked and jumped on the roof of a car containing chief arbitrator Hans Koschnick for an bour, an: EU spokesman said.

### 189 feared dead in air crash

PUERTO PLATA, Dominican Republic (AP) - A charter jetliner carrying German tourists home from the Caribbean crashed into shark-infested waters off the Dominican Republic. There were no signs yesterday that any of the 189 people aboard had survived.

Aircraft and boats searching the waters off the Dominican Republic's north coast spotted bodies, empty life rafts and debris scattered over five square kilometers. At least 59 bodies were recovered, but divers were wary of entering the water.

There was no immediate information on the cause of the crash late Tuesday, but the Boeing 757 had been substituted at the last minute. The plane look on in ligh rain, then abruptly turned around and appeared to head back for land. The pilot did not radio the control tower about any problems. Dominican aviation officials said.

The plane, bound for Frankfurt and Berlin, was owned by a Turkish company, Birgen Air, and leased to a Dominican airline, Alas de Transporte Internacional.

The airline was shut down temporarily in 1993 after failing to meet international safety standards. The German government said the 757 was uninsured and had no permission to fly to

US Coast Guard Lt. Lincoln Benedict in San Juan, Puerro Rico, said pilots had spotted sharks in the area of the crash site.

"The area is shark-infested," Benedict said. "It obviously would hamper recovery of either sur-vivors or bodies from the water."

At least 59 bodies were recovered and brought to Puerto Plata, German Ambassador Edmund Duckwitz said. There were no reports of survivors; four children had been aboard the plane.

### Dublin proposes 'Dayton' talks on N. Ireland Secretary, Sir Patrick Mayhew, US mediator Richard Holbrooke brought all officials, who have proposed elections in the

DUBLIN (Reuter) - Ireland proposed yester-day that the London and Dublin governments use the format of the Dayton. Ohio, talks on Bosnia to breathe life into the deadlocked Northern Ireland peace process.

The proposal, announced by Foreign Minister Dick Spring, seeks to bring rival Northern Ireland parties under the same roof because they will not sit at the same negotiat-

"We propose that they [the parties] should all be invited to the same building for two days of intensive talks similar to Dayton." Spring said after talks with Britain's Northern Ireland

Bosnia's warring parties and government sponsors to Dayton, Ohio, late last year for indirect "proximity" talks that led to direct negotiations and eventually a peace plan now being implemented and overseen by NATO.

Spring said Britain had not given full agreement to the proposal, but added that he thought it was the best way of securing progress in a peace process that has hardly moved since rival guerrillas declared cease-fires in 1994.

Mayhew had left for London by the time Spring made the announcement, but British province as a way forward, were cool to the The Irish government is well aware of our

view that such a proposal is at best premature in the absence of evidence that such talks could be called successfully," one official said, The idea of proximity talks. I am afraid,

does not appear to advance the issue," the offi-

Northern Ireland's Unionist parties, which want the province to stay British, refuse to talk with the IRA's political wing, Sinn Fein, until

### Pope arrives in Nicaragua to warmer welcome

tions.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) -Pope John Paul II brought a message of peace and reconciliation to Nicaragua yesterday and found a welcome far warmer than during his first, troubled trip here.

"In 1983, you found our country painfully divided by ideologies foreign to our nature... We could not demonstrate our affection as

ZURICH (AP) - Swiss banks have

narrowed to 38.7 million Swiss

francs (\$32.3 million) the amount

in pre-World War II accounts that

could have belonged to Jews who

The Swiss Bankers Association

said yesterday that it had found

775 unclaimed accounts and

deposits of foreign clients with 36

It said it would circulate to

hanks an initial list of inquiries

from heirs in April and contact

The latest announcement was

based on an examination more

thorough than a preliminary sur-

vey of 12 banks last year. The

association said then that it had

found 893 possible accounts

worth 41 million francs (currently

The latest announcement said

the actual number was lower

because the banks determined the

institutions from the period.

rightful owners immediately.

died in the Holocaust.

we would have liked." President Violeta Chamorro told the pope at the airport. Chamorro, a devoul Roman

Catholic who defeated the leftist Sandinista government in 1990, welcomed John Paul with a voice almost breaking with emotion.

Swiss bankers narrow search

for Jewish money to \$32m.

owners of a number of apparently

dormant accounts had survived

The Swiss bankers started look-

ing for unclaimed Holocaust

assets last year after Jewish orga-

nizations accused them of hoard-

ing up to \$7 billion belonging to

Many Jews are believed to have

risked the death penalty to smug-

gle their money, jewels and other

wealth out of German-controlled

Last September, the association

announced new measures to help

heirs search for lost assets. It said

yesterday that as of the end of January, it had received 323 such

The association acknowledged it would be difficult for descen-

dants of Nazi victims to present

documents needed for proof of

legitimacy, and said it might

accept substitute documents with

Holocaust victims.

territory to Swiss banks.

requests for help.

John Paul, saying he brought a message of "peace and reconciliation." called on Nicaraguans to seek "an authentic revitalization of traditional moral values" as they head toward elections in October. A crowd cheered as the pope

stepped from the plane that carried him from Guatemala, A brisk wind whipped at his white vestments as he waved to the crowd. He kissed Chamorro on the

adequate explanations or declara-

often only vaguely substantiated."

an association statement said. "It

appears that, in many cases, it is

hope rather than a supposition or

The latest examination found

516 accounts, worth 28.5 million

francs (\$23.75 million), that were

opened from Germany or from

countries that were occupied by

Germany during the war, the asso-

It said the other accounts and deposits were from Germany's

Switzerland and its banks have

made previous attempts to satisfy

Jewish claims, including the 1962

bandover of 9.5 million francs

(\$7.9 million at 1996 rates) to

Swiss charities for Jews and

even factual knowledge."

"The reasons for assuming that assets may be in Switzerland are forehead, and the children she brought out to greet him. The pope held the president's hand as she escorted him to a covered platform on the sirport tarmac.

The pope's last visit to Central America in 1983 was marred by a struggle of wills with the leftist Sandinistas who then ruled Nicaragua.

### Brooklynite receives mazal tov, 5 times over

MARILYN HENRY **NEW YORK** 

IT'S a boy, a girl, a girl, n girl, and a boy. Pnina Klaver, a Brooklyn mother of two, became a mother of seven just before midnight Monday when she delivered quintu-

The odds were one in 48 million.

The babies, born 13 weeks prematurely, each weighed between 1

pound, 9 ounces and 1 pound, 14 ounces. The infants were listed in stable condition at Long Island Jewish Medical Center. They require treatment for immature lungs.

Klaver, 37, and her husband, Shmuel, already had two sons, David, 12, and Steven, 10. But then she had problems conceiving. Pnina Klaver, who ran a support group for infertile women, had been taking the fertility drug Perganol.

In the Orthodox community, "you feel a sense of shame and failure if you cannot conceive," she told The New York Times.

"This was not multiple chromosomes falling into place," Shmuel

Klaver said at a news conference. "God was taking a front row seat

Klaver, a drummer, has appealed to the public for financial assistance in caring for the kids. The Klaver quints are the 42nd surviving set in the United States.

### Major in trouble over arms to Iraq

LONDON (AP) - Delivering a potential landmine to Prime Minister John Major's government, a judge yesterday handed over his report on how officials bent rules to arm Iraq.

The embarrassing saga threatens the political survival of a cabinet minister and of the attorney general.
The inquiry was provoked by the trial of three businessmen on charges of illegal arms sales to Iraq... Leaks from a report, to be pub-lished February 15, say it accuses William Waldegrave, an ex-Foreign Office minister who is now Major's chief secretary to the Treasury, of lying to cover np a secret policy switch.

Attorney General Sir Nicholas Lyell is in trouble because he ordered colleagues to sign orders withholding evidence at the arms trial on national security grounds.

### Jewish activist to Croatia leader: Don't bury Ustashe guards near Holocaust memorial

\$34 million).

ZAGREB (Reuter) - A Croatian Jewish leader has threatened to sue President Franjo Tudiman for desecration if he goes through with a decision to rebury Ustashe death camp guards alongside their victims at a Holocaust memorial.

Slavko Goldstein, a renowned publisher, former opposition leader and former leader of the Croatlan Jewish community, wrote an open letter to Tudjman this week, asking him to drop the initiative to "redesign Jasenovac Memorial.

"You now want to transfer the bones of those murderers to Jasenovac, so they lie next to the bones of those they had murdered in a joint memorial ground," Goldstein said.

"I will not allow you to do it." "If your intention is realized I will sue you for desecrating memorial sites and grave-yards, as the initiator and the one who gave orders," Goldstein said in a letter published in this week's issue of the independent

weekly Feral Tribune. The Jasenovac Memorial, erected at the site of the former Ustasha concentration camp some 100 km east of Zagreb, commemorates the deaths of up to 17,000 Jews and tens of thousands of Serbs and gypsies killed by the Croatian puppet Nazi regime

during World War II.

In an address to the nation in January, Tudjman reiterated his intention to turn the memorial of the victims of the fascist regime in Jasenovac into a "memorial ground of the Croatian war victims" of both fascism and

Tudjman sees the turning of Jasenovac into a memorial for Croats fighting on both sides in World War II. and those fallen for Croatian independence from former jugoslavia, as a step towards "reconciliation. of divided Croat-dom" and reinforcement of national unity.

But the Jewish community bifferly opposes any such move on the grounds that it would "neutralize the symbolic meaning and the historic message of the Jasenovac memorial as a specifically anti-fascist mon-

"I am calling on you to leave our dead alone. Don't insult them with a forced sense of togetherness which none of them, or us. their descendants, could ever accept." Goldstein said.

"Don't inflame old wounds among the survivors. I am calling on you to give up the morbid unearthing of the bones and graves and, by the same token, of history."

### Poland apologizes for Kielce pogrom

ciation said.

Axis ally Italy.

NEW YORK (Reuter) - Poland has apologized for a post-World War II massacre of Jews that sent tens of thousands fleeing, leaving just a tiny hand-ful in the country already ravaged by the Holocausi.

In a letter to the World Jewish Congress released on Tuesday, Polish Foreign Minister Dariusz Rosati asked Jews for forgiveness for the infamous Kielce Pogrom of July 4, 1946, in which a mob in the southeastern Polish city killed 42 Jews and wound-

Jews who had survived the Holocaust had been returning to reclaim their property in Kielce when the pogrom took place. News of the massacre spread and an estimated 100,000 Jews left the The new democratic Poland deeply regrets and

mourns all the injustice suffered by the Jewish peo-ple." Rosati said, "In 1996 we shall shed tears over the victims of the infamous Kielce pogrom which was committed 50 years ago during the chaos of the Polish civil war."

"We must regard this act of Polish antisemitism as our common tragedy." he continued. "We are ashamed that this tragedy occurred in Poland, the same country where the Nazis built extermination camps. We are ashamed that Poles were the ones who committed the crime. We would like to ask your forgiveness.

He said Poland was committed to solving the problem of making restitution for former Jewishowned property in Poland.

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advertised oo the shopping channel, A.B. picked up the phone and dialed the toll-free

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politely requested and registered all relevant information (name, address, size of the over-

The next day, A.B. told a friend about the

overalls she'd seen on TV. When her friend

iodicated that she, too, would like to pur-

chase a pair, A.B. had an idea. "I'll call back.

If any order hasn't been processed yet, I'll

ask for an additional pair," she suggested.

This way, there would be only one delivery

different assistant took her call. After typing up

her customer oumber, he announced to A.B.

that there was no record of her order oo the

another order," he answered. "Something must

have gone wrong with the computer." A.B.'s friend, at this point, changed her mind about

buying the overalls. A.B. put in a new order for

Several days later, A.B. received a package

from the shopping channel. In it were four

pairs of overalls, and a hill for two separate sets of deliveries! Again, A.B. phooed the sta-

"What should I do now?" she asked. "Make

When A.B. phoned to make the extra order, a

alls and credit card number).





Part of international designer Yves St. Laurent's spring/summer collection features the accentuated waist as well as the return to quieter tastes such as white-colored outfits.

### Long skirts, minimalist design

hile local designers will not be showing their spring/summer collections till the end of this month, European and American designers have already taken not just to the runways hul to the streets.

If initial offerings are anything to go by, it seems that the fashion world is anticipating economic stability. When times are tough, designs are punky, funky and outrageously lestive, as if to take our minds off the disquieting situation around us.

When the world is moving nicely on course, fashion is minimal-

Some designers can't resist adding a decorous touch to their creations, but the look in general is clean, pared down and figure **GREER FAY CASHMAN** 

Forget about tent-like tunics or caltan-style dresses. This will be the summer of the accentuated waist, whether belted or viewed in bare-fleshed beauty over hipster

It will also be a ladylike summer in which the mini will give way to knee-grazing and even mid-calf skirts. Much of the styling is nostalgically reminiscent of the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s, especially in the classics and the hright prints and colors.

For those with quieter tastes, white and hasic black remain perennials, as does beige which this season is teamed with olive drab or khaki in a muted military

The little cropped jacket has come back ioto its own, and makes a perfect mate for a slimfitting, sleeveless dress or for straight trousers.

If you're surveying last sum-mer's wardrobe and wondering what you can salvage, start with the white blouses, especially those which are untrimmed. A beige safari jacket will also come in handy.

The return of longer skirts will be welcomed by many women, but the best revival of all is at ground level, where shoes have shed their clunky image. We're back to spike-heeled, ankle-strap sandals, elegant pumps with wincglass heels, and flats that look - well - dainty. It was a long wait, hut it was worth it.

### A day in the life of cyberspace

In Malaysia, they are tracking elephants using global posi-Lifoning satellites. In the Arctic, they are dog-sledding into villages to teach residents how to use the Internet. And in New York, they are playing chess with kids in

California. More than 150 photographers in 31 countries are expected to spend roday recording people from around the world as they live their lives in exherence. The result dozens of images and written accounts - will be posted in one

collection on the Internet. The S5 million effort, called "24 Hours in Cyberspace," is the brainchild of Rick Smolan, whose best-selling book in the 1980s called A Day in the Life of America launched a series of coffee-table books devoted to a single theme. But unlike those projects, the photos taken today will be processed, scanned, and fitted onto a special Weh page - all within the 24-hour period.

"Cyberspace seems like such an incredibly hot topic, which people describe as a mirror, a reflection of our world." Smolan says, "We're going to try and make photos of how evberspace is changing things."

Among the photographers will be Tipper Gore, who is expected to record the day's activities of her husband, Vice President Al Gore.

"We've upped the ante with this one," says Smolan, whose staff and volunteers are overseeing the operation from his small compaoffice in Sausalito. California, "In the past, we had to coordinate 100 photographers, but we had eight or nine months to make sense of what we had. Now. we're going to do it in one day."

Web browsers, however, will have four days to look at the photos along with accompanying text by freelance writers. Then, on Sunday, Smolan's company. Agaiosi All Odds Productions, will close down the home page and edit the best photos into a book and a CD-ROM to be pub-

lished next fall. Perhaps the biggest challenge will be technological, Smolan said many of the photographers are being trained to use digital cameras, download their images into a

laptop computer, and send them to his headquarters by using a telephone modem. The 24-Hours in Cyberspace home page can be called up at

thttp://www.Cyber24.com) and can be found on the Internet 1996 World Exposition at (http://park.org/).

TV shopping needs fine-tuning

enjoy- remote-control shopping. Channel 21 - a televised catalog of tion, this time to complain. She was told to items ranging from jewelry to gym equipment wait for someoce to pick up the extra items - is, with the exception of the northern Sharoo area and Galilee, now available throughout the

"What about a refund?" she asked. "Thirty days after we receive the merchandise back. your credit-card account will be refunded for the extra two pairs," said the assistant.

Two weeks passed. When A.B. was not contacted by the shopping channel, she asked me to lovestigate. She wants to know why her money can only be refunded after a 30-day wait, and why it has taken so long for the extra merchandise to be collected.

It turns out that A.B. was given inaccurate information. A customer may return any item within 30 days, for any reason. If the item is damaged, or - as in the case of A.B. - a mistake in the order is made, the station will come and pick up the merchandise from the customer's home. If the merchandise is being returned due to a change of heart, then the customer must send it through the mail. -

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Service division manager Uri Tal attributes the "overall" hlunder to "misuoderstanding". He says that a "review of the material" for service assistants is in order. He also immediately sent a delivery man to A.B.'s home to pick up the extra two pairs.

According to him, purchases can be paid hy check (after the mailed check clears, the merchandise is sent to the customer), or in cash (the merchandise is delivered to a branch of Steimatzky's (with which they have an arrangement) near the customer's home, where il can be paid for on the spot). Arrangements are currently under way to provide a cash-ondelivery option as well.

Judging by the professional fact sheet put out by the PR firm handling the shopping channel, much effort is being invested into making this a reliable. American-like consumer service. Lest A.B. resume shedding her shekels at the shops, however, similar steps must be taken to soothe seething clientele.

TV shoppers take note: Service assistants answer the phone hy saying "Hello, this is soand-so speaking." Write down the oame of the person taking your order, as well as the date and hour. This way, if something goes wrong, you will be able to pinpoint the source of the

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### The 'Wizard of Menlo Park's voice from the musty past crackles back to life

Through the scratchy crackle of a decaying wax cylinder comes a muffled yet vigorous voice - an ethereal message left by the inveotor whose genius allowed history's sounds to

He talks of global adventures, of trips on boats and trains to farflung lands, of technologies harely thought possible.

Thomas A. Edisoo, whose phonograph let astonished men and womeo speak to posterity for the first time, has managed to reach from the 19th century and surprise people with his creation yet again.

A previously unknown 1888 cylioder found at the museum that was once his laboratory contains the oldest rendering of his voice known to exist It reveals an Edison far different from later, more familiar recordings.

This is not the aging businessman-legend speaking, but the vihrant, freshly famous "Wizard of Menlo Park." Edison was 41, flush with the excitement of new

"He sounds like a man taking on the world," says Jerry Fahris, sound curator at the Edison National Historic Site. Fahris lislened to the 154-second recording wnen it was little played

In it, Edison addresses a "Mr. apparently James Blaine." Gillespie Blaine, a congressman. 1884 presidential candidate and secretary of state. Edison sounds jaunty, whimsical, aware of his once-in-an-epoch mix of pragmatism and technical genius.

"Mr. Blaine, as you've been nearly round the world, I'll take you round the world on the phonograph. I'll not charge you anything." Edison's voice is highpitched, laced with an uoidentifiable brogue.

He goes on to describe a journey that starts with a steamer trip across the Atlantic Ocean to Liverpool and wiods through Europe, northern Africa and Asia before returning by train across the US to New York.

Until now, the earliest known recording of Edison's voice was from 1906, wheo he was 59. The newly found one was recorded



A recently found 1888 recording of Thomas Edison's voice sounds like R man taking on the world, according to Jerry Fabris, sound curator at the Edison National Historic Site.

shortly after Edisoo moved to West Orange in 1887 from his workshop in Menlo Park (now called Edisoo), New Jersey.

THE NEW discovery is a creamcolored, 10-cennmeter-long wax cylinder, about the size and shape of an empty toilet-paper roll. It had been on the grounds all along. but when Edisoo died in 1931 nobody had the wherewithal to go through all his materials. He left 5 million documents, 25,000 flat records, 10,000 cylinders, 65,000 photographs and 500,000 miscellaneous items. All of it went into

storage. "No one outside the few people who inventoried this in 1953 knew [the cylinder] existed. Word never got out." Fabris says. "We weren't sure whether we had what

we had until we heard it."

On August 28, Fahris took the cylinder to the Rodgers and Hammerstein Sound Archives to New York City and played it on a modern machine that exerts less pressure upon fragile cylin-

He expected a few disjointed words to emerge from the staric of decay. Instead, out came Edison, clear and uninterrupted.

"We'd never heard anything like this before," Fahris says. This is Edison at the peak of his creative years. You hear a very energetic. person, a very bold person talking about sending his ideas around the world. On the later ones, he sounds usually very weak. They're greetings, saying hello to the country or 'merry Christmas,' things like that."

Edison first recorded sound in 1877, using a foil cylinder. But he spent the next decade on the light bulh before returning to the phocograph, his favorite invection, and perfecting a wax-cylinder model in June 1888. Fabris believes the newly found recording, one of the earliest in existeoce, was made months afterward

The old recording cooveys Edisoo's confidence and humor. At one point, he says: "We'll go to Munich. Or Munchen. I believe they call it Munchen. But that's not a very nice name for me. I. ah.

I like to call it Munich."

And later: From "Rome we'll go across the Mediterranean Sea 1 don't know hut what I'm a little don't know but what I'm a little out of my geography – we'll go to Alexandria. Alexandria to, through the Suez Canal to the Red Sea, into the Bay of Bengal, And frien to, uh, Bombay. Bombay we'll prohably get the, uh, curry, and stay at the hospital two, three months and have lots of fun."

"HE HAD a wicked sense of humor, a wonderful way with words," says Madeleine Edisoo Sloane, 47, Edison's great-granddaughter. Sloane, named after Edison's daughter, worked at the museum for two summers during college and oow is a lawyer in Cantomia.

"Finding this kind of thing can help people remember his curiosity and his work ethic," she says. "He represents passion for what he did. And that's the force of his creanvity. You don't see that too often today."

At the museum, Fabris drew a crowd when he first played the recording for the staff. They listened, enchanted, to

Edison's verbal world trip. Then America's best-known inventor signed off, ending a moment in time that sat in waxen limbo for generations before its curtain

"Now, Mr. Blaine," Edison concludes, "won't you say a few words on another cylinder so my young man can bring it over to the laboratory. I want to put it through a process to get, uh, several hundred duplicate cylinders so other people can hear what you

say.
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### Exploiting the covenant

N his meeting with Secretary of State War-ren Christopher yesterday, Yasser Arafat reiterated yet again his frequeotly made promise: within two months of the elected Palestinian Council's first meeting, be will convene the Palestinian National Couocil (PNC), known as the Palestinian parliament, to repeal the clauses in the PLO Covenant which call for Israel's destruction.

But a meeting of the PLO executive committee in El-Arisb on Tuesday seemed to decide on a way to circumvent this commitment. Instead of repealing the 28 clauses (out of 33) that are offensive to Israel, the PNC will formulate a new covenant, which will serve as the charter of the Palestinian state in the territories.

One member of the executive committee put it explicitly: "The new covenant will be based on the principle of the establishment of an independent Palestinian atate whose capital is Jerusalem, a total Israeli withdrawal from all the Palestinian areas in the West Bank and Gaza, the dismantling of settlemeots, and the delineation of borders between the Palestinian state and Israel."

The idea of formulating a new covenant instead of amending the old ooe seems to command Arafat'a support. "Every era has its own covenant," he told the press. And it fits comfortably with his frequently repeated assertion, made most recently in last week's Stockholm news conference, that the old coveoant has anyway been superseded by the PNC's decision to recognize Israel, and by his own 1988 dismissal of the covenant as caduq.

Yet both Arafat and his lientenants treat the covenant with what can only be described as reverence, comparing it to the Bible and the American Constitution. It is, they have said, a

sacred document that cannot be tampered with. Until recently, Israel insisted that there can be no substitute for an outright, unequivocal repeal of the offensive covenant clauses. Neither a new document nor an evasioo in the form of "it is just an irrelevant piece of paper" will do.

Deputy Foreign Minister Eli Dayan was outspoken about this when he heard Arafat aaying in Stockholm that the covenant had in effect been rendered invalid. He insisted that Arafat declare that the PNC will be convened for the purpose of repealing the-offensive clauses, which Arafat then promised to do on April 12. Now Christopher has obtained the same commitment, albeit without a specific date.

There is little doubt that Arafat will not simply convene the PNC and repeal the PLO covenant. At the very least, he will try to extract Israel's agreement to the establishment of a Palestinian state in return. This will be selling the same goods twice. His initial commitment to repeal the offensive parts of the covenant was made in September 1993, in return for Israel's recognition of the PLO and the signing of the Oslo Declaration of Principles.

The government now seems determined to resist this kind of bargaining and demand that Arafat keep his pledge unconditionally. But Arafat also knows that his decision will affect the Labor Party's chances in the coming Knesset elections. As Dayan put it on Tuesday, "Going to elections without the cancellation of the covenant will cause Labor irreversible damage." It is unlikely that Arafat will not use Labor's need to his advantage.

It must be boped the unconditional repeal of the genocidal PLO Covenant will oot become yet another "red line" the government abandons in its rush to complete the Oslo process.

### Aegean ballet

OST couotries subjugated by the Ottoman empire have long since forgotten Lthe experience, but not Greece. Ever since the romantic Greek fight to regain independence in the early 19th century, with the help of Lord Byron, with its stirring bouzonki music and fearless women running fireships against the Ottoman fleet, Greek-Turkish relations have settled into a type of ritual ballet. During the Cold War, these two nominal NATO allies kept the alliance on tenterhooks with periodic eruptions of animosity, which seemed to threaten an embarrassing outbreak of war.

In the past couple of weeks, they've been at it again - escalating a minor shipping incident near some uninhabited Aegean rocks into a warship-to-warship standoff. However, it seems the world's alarm over the reactivation of this eternal feud has been equaled only by the embarrassment of the protagonists for getting themselves embroiled in it. There is something theatrical about these little Aegean dramas related more to the theater of the absurd than to Sopbocles.

By far the most serious risk of war between Greece and Turkey in modern times came in 1974, when the brutal military junta ruling Greece staged a coup in Cyprus and Turkey invaded and occupied the northern third of the island. This was nominally to protect the minority Turkish Cypriots, but in reality to teach the vicious Athens colonels a lessoo and prevent them from adding another segment to the Greek Mediterranean arc around Turkey, extending from the Dodecanese Islands through Crete to Cyprus. While the blameless Greek Cypriots paid a terrible price for the folly of their socalled cousins in Athens, the Turkish invasion in fact did the Greek people as a whole a great

favor, since the national bumiliation led to the immediate collapse of the dictators and the restoration of democracy. Despite the crisis, mainland Greece and Turkey avoided direct war over Cyprus.

With democracy now firmly established in both countries, their squabbles since 1974 have had more to do with internal domestic politics than with any real desire to change the status quo of their borders. Turkey's over-reaction to a minor spat between the captain of a Turkish ship and the Greek Navy two weeks ago coincided with former Prime Minister Tansu Ciller's efforts to form a new government without turning to Islamic fundamentalists, who took the balance of power in recent elections.

Nothing diverts domestic attention in either country better than the threat of "aggression" from the traditional enemy. In 1983, former prime minister Andreas Papandreou turned to buffing and puffing about Aegean oil exploration to divert attention from his miserable policy failures at home and in Europe. Since the recent snarling over the islets of Imia (Kardak to the Turks) was Turkey's sideshow, it was not surprising that Greece accepted with some alacrity yesterday a US proposal to send the dispute to the International Court at The Hague.

While this dispute has turned out to be less than a storm in a Turkish coffee cup, it has focused some attention on the more serious unresolved dispute over Cyprus. Since a comprehensive solution to reunite Cyprus is being held up by a few minor but intransigent disputes, it must be hoped Washington will oow turn some diplomatic clout in this direction to nudge Greek and Turkish Cypriots to a settlement. The world no longer finds ethnic disputes, even at a theatrical level, very amusing.



# The seeing & the blind

Top At least twice Israel has faced the danger of gas attacks by belligerent Arab neighbors. The first time was when Gamal Abdel Nasser massed his Egyptian divisions in Sinai in 1967. Syrians were poised to sweep down from the Golan Heights in a pincer move-

Israeli generals were aware that Nasser had used poison gas on civilian and military targets when he invaded Yemen a few years previously. There had been not even a whisper of protest from the selective world conscience.

Nasser's resort to gas was one more reason why Israeli pilots had to ensure that the Egyptian planes were crippled in the opening min-utes of the war. This would deprive Nasser of the means of bombing Israeli cities with gas.

In 1973, one of the writers of this column was near the Suez canal when warning came that a gas attack was imminent. The same day rubbery gas masks arrived. Because of the desert dust, the soldiers were choking within seconds of trying them out. It was impossible to breathe, The commoo belief was that in the event of a gas attack, the troops would die either from the gas, or from lack of oxygeo.

Neither seemed a happy choice. Fear of a gas attack was justified. Although it was kept secret, black barrels oo Egyptian airfields cootained toxic poison gas made for Anwar Sadat by German scientists. Intelligeoce sources believed it was only the fear of massive retaliation that held Sadat back from ordering the gas to be employed against the Israeli torces sweeping into Egypt.

We raise the matter of Israel's foes being only too ready to use illegal ultimate weapons of war because of the massive "Free Marcus Klingberg" campaign orchestrated by Hebrew newspapers, in which the voices of leftist personalities are strident.

True, Klingberg is today an uld, sick man in wretched physical condition after serving 12 years in prison. But why was he put behind bars in the first place? Klingberg was a major figure at

Israel's top-secret Ness Ziona institute, where biological and chemical research was carried out. It was research aimed at protecting Israelis from its enemies in the event of war.

Among Israel's bleeding hearts, Klingberg has now become an "ideological spy," which has made him politically kosher, despite the fact that he passed on Israel's most sensitive secrets to the Kremlin.

Just how much dats he transmitted is unknown. He was cer-

### **URI DAN**

awaits him in a bank somewhere, plus a KGB pension.

Glossed over today is UN observers' reports of the huge stocks of chemical and bacteriological material Saddam has tucked away. To deliver it, he has rockets armed with warheads containing the deadly material.

It isn't just Kuwait and Saudi Arabia that lie within range of the

#### Those who equate Klingberg with Pollard should go and stay at one of

Iraqi gunners. So does Israel. One doesn't have to be be an obsessive warmonger to believe that Saddam is ready to use his chemical and bacteriological weapons. There are US soldiers still suffering from a mysterious virus which struck them during Operation Desert Storm. Experts on frag are convinced that if an ailing Saddam Hussein felt cornered and with nothing to lose, he woold oot hesitate to unleash his murderous armory.

"With peace nobody is going to attack Israel," retort the the blinkered optimists. Like Shimon Peres, they seem to believe that the best defense against Syria is a line of hotels on the eastern shore

opiate, we would do well to consider one harsh reality: the mindset of our neighbors. Let it be recalled that in 1988 thousands of Iraqi Kurds were slaughtered by Iraqi aerial gas attacks and shelling oo their villages. Has Saddam's threat to "incinerate half of Israel" been forgotten? Visitors to Peres's hotels and the good folk of Tel Aviv alike will oe vulnerable.

Nor should it be forgotten that both Syria and Egypt today pos-sess more biological and chemical weapons than ever before. The raw material and know-how needed to turn this material into weapoury has been amplied for a small extra fee by kindly European businessmen.

What do Syria or Egypt oeed these vast arsenals for? Neither country has any known enemies threatening them in the region. Yet Egypt'a armed forces are the largest of any Arab nation in the Middle East. And it is equipped with state-of-the-art US weapons,

including missiles and planes. What has this to do the frail 77-

year-old Klingberg?
Klingberg is still in possession of the knowledge he acquired while working at Ness Ziona. If he is released he will certainly depart our shores. No doubt his former masters at the Kremlin, who still pull the strings of power, will send their lackeys over to have a chat with him, wherever he is. And what Klingberg says will be of immense use if the new Russia changes policy and becomes an Arab ally once more.

Every Arab intelligence service will come politely knocking at Klingberg's door. Will this "idealist" who spied against the Jews be able to resist the temptation to impart a few more tidbits of knowledge about Israel's capability in the biological field - especially if his visitors bear suitcases brimming with dollars or Swiss francs, or gold bars, today rise in world markets?

There is a facile argument that says if Klingberg isn't freed, Israel has no right to ask the US to release Jonathan Pollard.

Klingberg spied for a major enemy of Israel and Jews everywhere. Pollard was a Jew who spied for a friendly US ally. He did it to warn Israel of the danger of biological and chemical preparations by Iraq, Egypt, Libya and Syria. He passed on information the US had withheld from Jerusalem, despite its obligation to share it by mutual agreement.

None are so blind as those who will not see. To those who refuse to see the difference between Pollard and Klingberg we would like to suggest a holiday in a Sea of Galilee Peres hotel, should the prime minister get his way and hand hack the entire Golan Heights to Syria.

The writers are authors of The Mossad: Secrets of the Israeli Secret Service and other books on the Middle East.

**DENNIS EISENBERG** tainly well rewarded. It is generally supposed that a fortune

This is of no consequence. What is important is what happened five years ago during the Gulf War.

Peres's Sea of Galilee hotels after he hands the Golan back to Syria .

THE ARGUMENT used to demand Klingberg's freedom is that he is no longer a danger to Israel. "There is no KGB to whom he can pass on information still in his head," say his champions. This is hotly refuted by Israeli security officials. Klingberg's champions also overlook the fact that a newly revised Russian successor is today being created.

of the Kinneret. Before we buy this soothing

# That hurt!

LARRY DERFNER

uring army reserve duty a few years back, this one Israeli soldier was making fun of the Ethiopian immigrants in the unit something fierce. Imitating their high-pitched voices, their broken Hebrew, making cracks about Africa. Everyone

was laughing.
The Ethiopians were laughing too, trying to show that they could take it and doing their best to give it back to the guy, but coming out on the short end every

Then the Israeli asked one of the Ethiopians where he lived. "In Lod," the immigrant said. "What street?"

"King David Street." "Oh right, I saw some guy visiting your wife there the other day. so that must have been your

bouse. More laughter. The Ethiopian was now standing there with what's known as a "shit-eating grin" on his face.

Later on there was a lottery to see who would have to stay the night on guard duty. The four or five Ethiopians turned out to be among the lucky ones who would

be going home.

But there was a glitch in the drawing, an honest mistake, and the lottery would have to be done

The Ethiopians were furious. They were certain they were being duped, and no one could convince them otherwise. Everyone drew lots again, and this time a few of the Ethiopians lost. They were now beyond furious, and each of them insisted oo

going home. The Israeli with the rotten sense of humor had been among the lottery winners, but now he was volunteering to guard for the night. He went up to soldier after sol-dier, looking for two or three more to do the same.

He was turning the unit upside down, importuning Israeli soldiers to spend the night on the base instead of with their families

#### Our treatment of the Ethiopians proves the oldest cliche about the Israeli personality

so the Ethiopians wouldn't feel cheated and become bitter.

I doo't remember if he got enough volunteers. But I do remember that he gave his pass to the Ethiopian from Lod. And I remember that before starting his guard duty, the Israeli-born soldier drove the Ethiopian immigrant home to his wife and chil-

IS THIS a story about guilt? About patronization? More than anything, I think it is a story about duality, about the doubleedged treatment Israel has shown the Ethiopians ever since they got

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Like many other Israelis, I've been in a quandry since the Ethiopian riot outside the Prime Minister'a Office. Are they right? Are we really a racist society? Have we abused these people so badly?

It can't be. This country has invested something like four times more money on each Ethiopian immigrant than on any

other.

They've gotten apartmeots almost for free. They've gotten education subsidies and job training and counseling far beyond what is given other newcomers. It may be that no country has

of immigrants as Israel has done for the Ethiopians. But I've heard the jokes, heard the laughter, seen the way they are belittled.

ever done as much for any group

"Hey, kushi is really not that funny an expression, but a lot of Israelis seem to think it is. And when Israeli children use it on Ethiopian ehildren, it loses all humor.

Kushi masriah means "stinking oigger" - that's the way it is spoken, and that's the way it is heard. When you read about Israeli soccer fans making monkey sounds as soon as an African player gets the ball, you begio to get an idea of what Ethiopian immigrants have been putting up

Is this a contradiction - tremendous care and widespread abuse? No. This is us.

In our treatment of the Ethiopians, we have proven the oldest cliche about the Israeli personality. We are the sabra - sweet on the inside, prickly on the outside. Good heart, good intentions, astonishingly insensitive.

And no matter how sweet we really may be, when we prick someone, it hurts.

The writer is a freelancer living in Tel Aviv.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR I

BELOW THE BELT source to make political capital;

Such words from within Meretz

highlight Aloni's downfall, perhaps

If truth be beauty, then in this reader's eyes, Shulamit Aloni con-

tinues to outshine her detractors, and

she most certainly could never be

accused of lacking in honesty,

which is more than what is reflected

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Sir. - Whilst appreciating the

SIDNEY ROSENBERG

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Kfar Vradim.

Sir, -1 am sure that many of your readers would dearly love to know the identity of the "one Meretz MK" who took the all-time prize for offensive and irrelevant elaptrap in the name of political comment in Sarah Honig's article, "Shula hlew it, and she did it her way" (January

One is also curious to know what cause The Jerusalem Post thinks justifies the publication of copy on Minister Shulamit Aloni, such as, "She was a young eheeky dish, very easy on the eye. But the Aloni who appeared on TV to announce her decision to in effect leave Meretz, was an old woman despite her best make-up efforts. It almost hurt to look." If indeed, someone in government had the gall to talk in these terms about a contemporary, what is your paper doing passing on garbage below the level of any self-respecting gossip columnist in the guise of

a political article? Having admitted, Ms. Honig, that your anonymous Meretz MK was "unkind," and spoke in "politically incorrect and unbecoming sexist terms," don't you think that quoting him or her without divulging his or her identity in Order to make a political point was a contradictory as it was distasteful? And you do use this mindless drivel by an unpublished **CAR THEFTS** 

Sir, - We are a company with a fleet of over 70 vehicles. We have had several of our cars stolen over the past years, even though they are equipped with the best and latest types of safeguards. We find that by obeying the following rules, we can reduce the number drastically.

1) In parking lots, pull in at the end of a row when possible. That way at least, one side of your car is visible. Avoid parking in the center of the row. A thief can crouch down between cars and never be seen. 2) Back your car into parking-lot

spots. The front of your car will be casier to see and if a thief does get inside, other drivers will clearly see if he's tampering with the car. Always park in well-lighted areas at night. Light is a powerful

deterrent to theft. Whenever possible, park your car so it is pointing towards a light source; if you don't, the light will cast a shadow along one side of the car, allowing a thief to hide while he

works on getting into your vehicle. 5) Try to park in busy, well traveled areas, where a lot of people and cars go hy. Parking in front of occu-pied buildings is ideal. If a thief does anything that is suspicious, there is a greater chance someone will see

Tel Aviv.

### POSTSCRIPT

A BEGGAR has been arrested ontside a Sandi mosque with more than 400,000 rivals (\$106,000) in his possession, the Arab News daily reported this

The English-language newspaper said that the beggar's "suspicious behavior" attracted the attention of a man who had come to pray at the mosque in Hufuf, 300 kilometers northeast of the capital, Riyadh.

An argument begao betweeo the two, and the beggar tried to get away. As he ran, however, a bundle containing some 370,000 riyals (\$100,000) in banknotes feil out of his pocket, the paper said.

The police intervened and arrested the beggar. Duriog a search of his person more money was found in his pockets, the daily said.

The names of the beggar and the man who chased him were not MIKE GAL disclosed. The paper also did not say when the incident occurred.

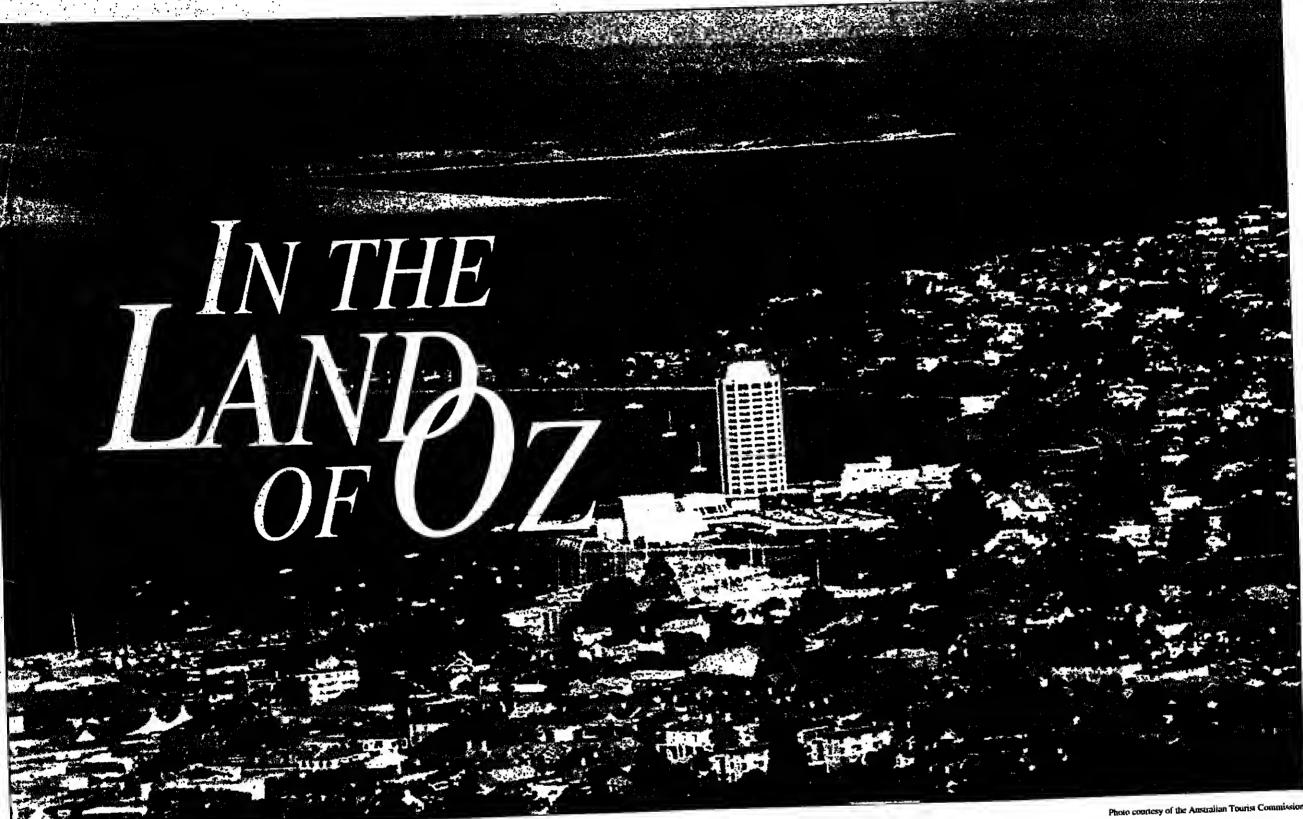


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The goal of this game is to clobber the photographer. The schoolyard match took place in Havat Hanoar, Jerusalem, in the '50s. (Werner Braun)

THE JERUSALEM POST

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1996



by Mary Gillespie

ELBOURNE, Australia—I was in the ladies' room at Flemington Racecourse when the epiphany hit. Having taken secret glee in watching the water swirl backward down the drain (as it does in that other hemisphere), I glanced nonchalantly in the mirror to adjust my hat—a required accountement at Australia's horiest sporting event, the Melbourne Cup. Jockeying for airspace to check her own chapean, the lady next to me jostled my elbow.

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"Sorry." she sighed conspiratorially. "No worries," I replied, my long "o" and rough Chicago "r's" buffed to a soft Aussie-like lilt. It was as if I'd been saying it all my life. The light bulb flashed: I'd been in Australia for a week and able I was starting to nurse fantasies of sending for my things

and settling in the Land of Oz. Now, I do tend to pick up local inflections wherever I go. In

Scotland, my r's start to roll; in Baton Rouge, Fla., they blur. And I have been accused of falling easily in love with the exotic. But this was different. This was the infatuation friends had

warued me about. This country—this incredibly diverse contiment that's the same size as the United States but supports only 17 million people—is, for North Americans like me, the perfect blend of exotic and comfort. It may be geographically allied with Asia, but its sensibilities are those of the British and Irish ne er-do-wells who settled it when they were dispatched here to pay for their crimes.

Australia is about as far away as you can get—it takes 14 hours to fly nonstop to Sydney from Los Angeles, Ca., -yet the place, the people and the language feel familiar. The backward seasons are disorienting only in the nicest of ways.

The cities are at once unique and reassuringly recognizable.



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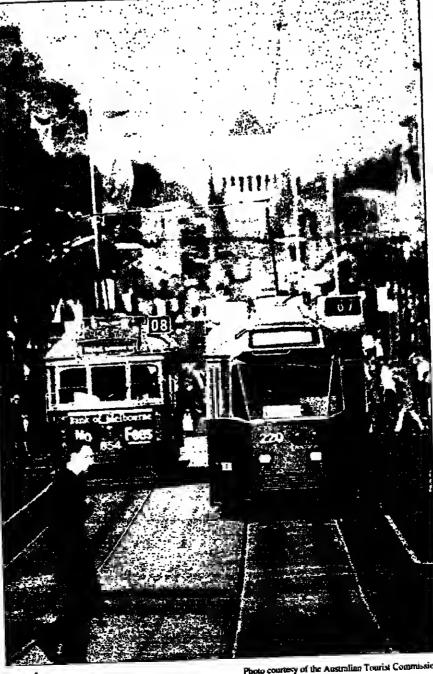


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There's plenty of shopping and glitzy nightlife for those who need it, but you're never far from water,

wilderness and wildlife. Aussies even spend dollars-only these days. American spenders visiting Oz are enjoying an exchange rate of about \$1.30 Australian.

Of course, there's Australia-or Aus-try-lia, as we natives say-and there's Australia. Trying to "do" the continent in a couple of weeks is like trying to hit New York, Chicago, Los Angeles and everything in between in a fortnight. On my twoweek stay, I covered Sydney, Melbourne and Tasmania-and still missed a lot. Smart travelers fight the "we flew all this way, we have to see it all" syndrome and choose a few stops to explore

Australia is separated into just eight states and territories-one of which is the island of Tasmania-with a vast expanse of virtually uninhabitable desert outback in the center. Most of its cities cling to the coasts, and about half its population is clustered in and around Sydney and Melboume, two world-class metropolises that suffer from serious sibling rivalry.

Like me, everybody sees Sydney first, simply because that's where the international planes land. It's the global port of entry to the smallest of the seven continents: a hustling cosmopolitan mecca of 4 million that, though it has many fetching features, could be almost anywhere. It takes 90 minutes just to drive out of town, and many business travelers and quick-trippers never get the chance to see anything but all-too-familiar suburban sprawl.

Not that there isn't plenty to do in Sydney. I played straight tourist to the "pirotes" on the

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Above: Aussies love and respect the water that surrounds this coastal city of Melbourne. Most of Australia's 17 million people live in a coastal city.

Far Left: Hats are a hallmark of the Melbourue Cup. They are as much part of the fum as having a holiday for a three-minute horse race.

Left: Known for its art and architecture, Melbourne is the kind of town that still uses its trolleys as transportation.



A koala snacks on excaplyptus leaves in Featherdale Wildlife Park, a Sanctuary near Sydney.

# On The Rocks in

#### by Stanton H. Patty

YDNEY, Australia—They serve history "on the Rocks" here. Mighty smooth. The Rocks is the lively neighborhood in the heart of downtown Sydney where Australia was born.

It was here in Sydney Cove, on a January evening io. 1788, that a fleet of convict ships from England delivered a cargo of human misery.

Aboard were 757 prisoners-ordered "transported for life" to a far-away penal colony that would be called

Before darkness, the convicts were clearing ground for shelters on the sandstone bluffs that gave The Rocks

A redevelopment panel formed by the New South Wales state government in 1970 proposed that The Rocks be razed for high rises.

Logs of the 11 ships carefully listed the rest of the contingent: a military escort of 200 guards, plus 28 women, 14 children, 4 cattle, 6 horses, 44 sheep plus sundry fowl and pigs.

And thus a nation was founded. Today, many of Australia's famous families trace their beginnings to that grim event,

"And with a great deal of pride," says Joanna

McDonald, a Rocks walking tour guide. When King George III lost the war to the "colonies." England had to find a new dumping ground for crimicals and political agitators. Australia-15,000 sea miles and

eight months by sail from Britain-was the choice. Another slice of irony: Capt. William Bligh, who lost the Bounty to a band of mutineers, was one of the early governors of the new colony.

Bligh's run of bad luck followed him to The Rocks in 1805. Rum-swilling soldiers defied his strong-discipline

methods and got him fired. "Actually, Captain Bligh was a much-maligned person." McDonald says. "He's very much a part of our

Now, bard by Bligh's scowling statue on the green by Sydney Cove, tourists board a full-scale replica of the Bounty for cruises around one of the world's most beautiful harbors.

The fare is \$20 (Australian) a pop, mate. Maybe Bill Bligh should have considered a career as a sightseeing skipper.

Today's Rocks district is a place for strolling, with a charming mix of galleries, craft centers, restaurants and pubs along tangles of meandering streets decked with dozens of original-huildings.

Visitors have no trouble getting their bearings. The Rocks are squeezed between two of the city's bestknown landmarks-the Sydney Opera House, with its dramatic roof line of ceramic sails, and the 440-foot-high sweep of the Harbour Bridge.

Every Saturday and Sunday (from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) the area turns into The Rocks Market, with more than 100, vendors offering items from antiques to kitchen gadgets. And in the evening The Market rocks to the beat of

Fresbly Squeezed Fanarics, Home Rule, the . . Murrumbidgee Rattlers and other groups.

This is where Sydney's heart beats fastest.

"But we almost lost it all," says Joanna McDonald. What happened was that as Sydney boomed, The Rocks fell into decay. By the 1960s, the historic district was a seedy and rowdy slum area with few permanent

A redevelopment panel formed by the New South Wales state government in 1970 proposed that The Rocks be razed for high rises.

Sydney folk would be eager, proponents said, to replace an ugly collection of worn-out buildings with skyscrapers by the water's edge.

"No - you can't do this!" howled history-minded

Sympathetic members of the Building Workers Umon called a strike to prevent any new construction in The Rocks. The bureaucrats went back to their drawing

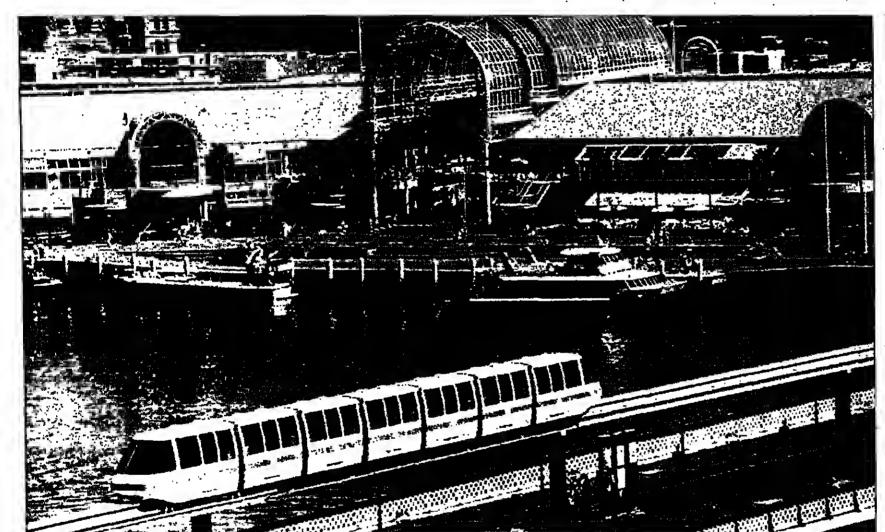
A new plan evolved, a restoration project designed by the Sydney Cove Authority that was to turn The Rocks into an appealing place to work and play.

Historic warehouses and cottages became specialty stores and restaurants. Cells in the old Rocks police station were converted to craft shops. Secluded courtyards became settings for tea time. And some of the dingy row houses-once occupied by laborers' families -now are cozy homes for longtime residents of The Rocks.

Leases from buildings and land controlled by the authority provide enough income to keep The Rocks from being a burden on taxpayers.

"It hasn't been easy," McDonald says. There has been heartache, even hatred, along the way. But now things are blossoming, and we are very. very grateful."...

There are new high rises, too, but only as a backdrop on the uphill edge of The Rocks. The lofty additions



### Land of Oz From page 1

Bounty, the gorgeous sailing ship built for Mel Gibson's "Mutiny on the Bounty," which now offers lunch and dinner cruises-accompanied by actors' salty banter-around Sydney's beautiful central harbor.

I scoped famous Bondi Beach. I gawked at the gorgeous seaward views. I breathed in the fragrance of cucalyptus and marveled at the figs, palms and other tropical foliage that flourishes everywhere. I jogged with a friend at daybreak through King's Cross, the city's red-light district, using the prone bodies of a few smacked-out locals as convenient hurdles. I checked out Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman's manse. drove through the tragically hip Darlinghurst section and toured the city's most instantly recognizable feature-the almost absurdly dramatic Sydney Opera House-which resembles, depending on whom you listen to, a set of sails, an alien craft or a peeled orange.

I was awestruck by the hypnotically intricate aboriginal bark paintings and other pieces in the Yiribana Gallery within the Art Gallery of New South Wales, the largest exhibit of its kind in the world.

And I ate great-even had breakfast with a wombar at the Taronga Zoo-and got a not-to-be-missed, 360-degree view of Sydney from the needle-nosed Sydney Tower, Mostly, I heard how, sorry the New York-like Sydney-siders were that I was about to be forced to exit their glorious metropolis for Methourne, a place they tend to disdain as staid, stagnant and, well ... hopelessly British.

"When visitors come here, they say, "It's very British, isn't it?"" explained a Melbournian friend who, naturally, had his own ideas about the character of Sydney and its denizens. "When Brits come here, they say, 'It's very American, isn't it?"

Actually, Melhourne is just itself; a hip hybrid, h's a livable, culturally aware, sports-happy city of more than 3 million. Known for its art and architecture, it's the kind of town that still uses its trolleys as transportation. The kind of place where, at noontime, you can see business suits barbecuing their lunches in the park on the banks of the Yarra River. It's a town that can support 34 live theater companies and the series of sophisticated, world-class venues that make up the Victorian Arts Center.

Melbourne, situated picturesquely on Port Phillip Bay, fancies itself the home of the Big Event. For me, it was.

It's truly hard for foreigners—well, me, anyway—to grasp that these people actually declare a state holiday every year to celebrate a three-minute horse trot. And the hat thing ...

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During my stay, I attended several performances-from a gloomy postmodem opera in a dockside warehouse to a Barbara Cook cabaret revue in the Arts Center's cushy seatsthat were part of the Melhourne International Festival of the Arts, a genuine Big Event celebrating its 10th year. I wandered through the city's enormous new casino, which boasts more gaming tables than any in the world. I ate a multi-course meal aboard a moving trolley (now the pleasantly touristy Colonial Tramcar Restaurant).

Brits to get it.

And I shopped, I prowled bohemian Brunswick Street, upmarket Chapel Street and the immense, fleamarkety Victoria Market, where you can snag clothes, vegetables and everything in between. ("In Melbourne," confided a newly made friend, "shopping is not a habit. It's a career.") Then there was ... The Cup.

It's truly hard for foreigners-well, me, anyway-to grasp that these people actually declare a state holiday every year to celebrate a three-minute horse trot. And the hat thing ... well, maybe you have to be descended from Brits to get it.

Nevertheless, catching Cup fever is tremendous fun, requiring as it does champagne for breakfast, lunch, dinner

and snacks, Although it's a megabucks proposition for many, bets can be placed for as little as 50 cents Australian. And while society types parade their headgear in the members' boxes, the real people clink Fosters bottles on the lawn, parading their own, often inspired, parodies. (Amazingly, this race is just the center-piece in a series known as the Spring Racing Carnival.)

Cup hysteria—the very concept of it-is just one of the things that makes Melbourne, and Australia in general, worth the trip. The best reason to go is

the people. Maybe it's their temperate climate, or their nothing-to-lose ancestors, or the fact there's just more room to breathe there. Whatever, Aussies are friendly humans, and they've created a welcoming culture.

Gazing into the sky late one night just before coming home, there came another little epiphany; The stars were in new places. To my North American eyes, they were deliciously mixed up, randomly tossed sparkles on black velvet. I made a wish. If it comes true, Oz, I'll be back.

Freeluncer Mary Gillespie's trip was hosted by the Australian Tourist Commission.

### **Talking About Down Under**

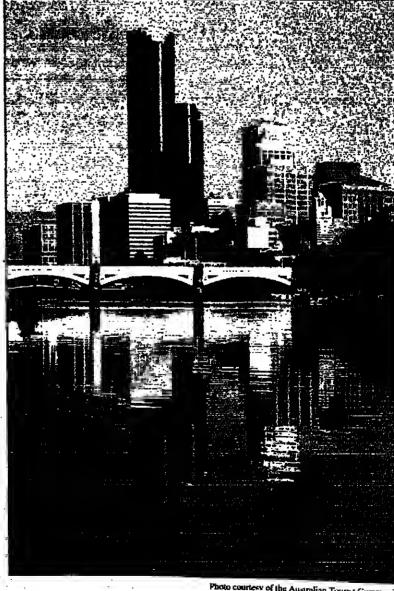
The language they speak in Oz iso't English, exactly. It's ... Australian. Or

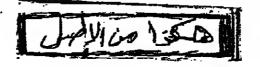
#### Here's a short language survival guide:

Ocker = Australian kanga = money blg bickies = big money shrapnel = small change done like a dinner = tired, drunk or both have an argument, usually with a mate (friend) brolly = umbreBa

(factor than) a rat up a drainpipe = in a finny come the raw prawn = yeah, right (he) couldn't rip the skin off a rice pudding = wime dunny = outside tollet (! have a) mouth like a cocky's cage = hangover ta = thanks

> no worries = you're welcome, it's OK she'll be right = it's OK g'day (pronounced g'die) = hi, goodbye fair dinkum = genuine, true





# 11 Australia

include two of the city's luxury hotels, the ANA Hotel Sydney and the Regent of Sydney.

The 573-coom ANA (financed with Japanese capi-, tal) is the most expensive hotel built in Australia. The

cost was \$932,000 per room! Communer trains run under the hotel, but on rubber



Argyle Street is in the heart of the historical district known as The Rocks.

cushions so soft that the ballroom's \$1.8 million. Venetian-glass chandelier doesn't even wiggle. It wasn't far from where the fancy hotels stand that

the early colony's gallows did their terrible work. One record of the time noted that there were facilities "from which seven can be turned off at one

time-six comfortably.7 But most of the convicts transported to Australia were petty criminals. And many had skills that helped forge the new nation-in-waiting.

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One of the taleoted prisoners was Francis Greenway, who designed some of Australia's most beautiful buildings-including St. James Church, still a Sydney gem. Greenway was sent here for forgery. Now his face is on Australia's \$10 bill.

Then there was Mary Reiby, accused of stealing a horse back in England at age 13. She became a prominent business woman here and won acclaim for her work in the causes of charity and education.

And how about Capt. John Pifer? He was posted to Sydney to collect customs duties. Pifer also collected for himself, doing so well that sooo he had a string of

race horses and more than 100 servants. Charged with corrupt practices, the disgraced officer tried to drown himself in the Sydney harbor as his piper played a lament. He didn't try hard enough, so etired to his estate, damp and in disgrace.

Such was life in The Rocks. There's still a lot of life here, thanks to a city that cares about history.

Travelers can ramble through The Rocks on their own by calling at The Rocks Visitors Centre (199 George Street) and buying a self-guiding map for 50

Or join Joanna McDonald, owner of The Rocks Walking Tours (39 Argyle Street), for a rollicking tour of the historic district. \$12.

"I tell people that I ve been walking the streets bere for 16 years," McDonald says with a laugh. "That does get a rise at dinner parties when people ask what I do for a living."

Additional information: Australian Tourist Commission, 2121 Avenue of the Stars, Suite 1200, Los Angeles, California 90067, phone (001) 310/552-1988; New South Wales Tourism Commission, 2121 Avenue of the Stars, Suite 1230, Los Angeles, California 90067, phone (001) 310/552-9566. To obtain a free "Destination Australia" guide, phone the Australian Tourist Commission at (001) 708/296-4900.

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The wombat is among Australia's many marsupials.

# On The Wildside

To us, kangaroos, wallables and wombats are exotic creatures seen only in encyclopedias

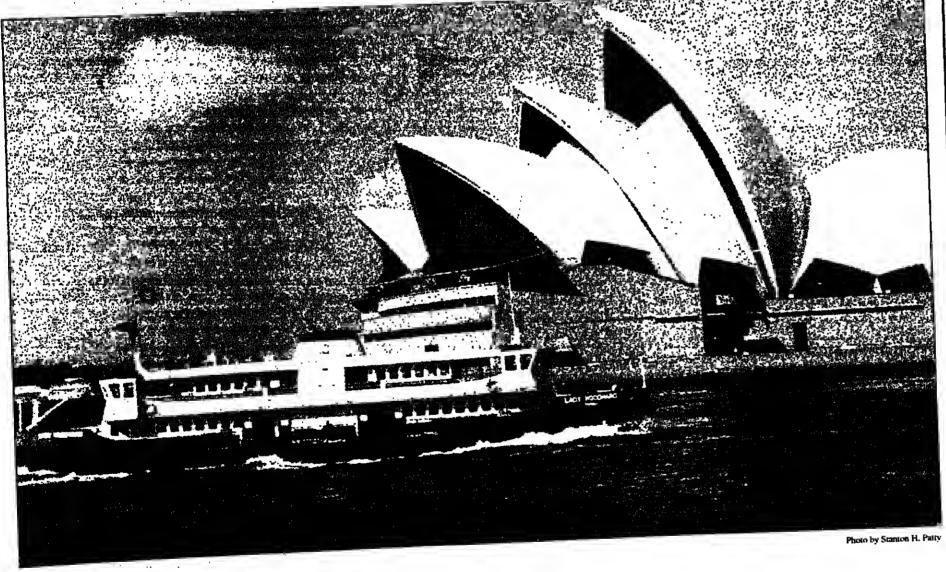
To Aussies, they're roadkill.

Kangas are so numerous, in fact, that they are legally culled by hunters and end up filleted under sauce. So many wombats, wallabies and other local fauna fail to make it across the road that the government sponsors shelters to raise their

orphaned progeny. (At some, thrilled tourists are allowed to touch and feed them.)

Though it's easy to glimpse Aussie wildlife from a car window, zoos and shelters often let visitors go one-on-one with the results of the continent's geographic isolation-evolutionary oddities such as the flightless emu, a gawky bird that can reach six feet in height, and all those quirky marsupials that bundle their bables around in pouches. Not as cute but even more intriguing are the world's only surviving egg-laying mammals, the goofy-looking platypus and the porcupine-like

Tied with the kangaroo for most famous Aussie animal is the sleepy, eucalyptus-munching koala. If you find yourself within touching distance of one, just remember. They're not as cuddly-sweet as they look.



### **HEADING** DOWN UNDER?

### **GETTING THERE:**

Sydney, Melbourne and surrounding areas offer levels of accommodations for all tastes and budgets, from the glamorous to the funky. For advice on planning all the details of a Down Under vacation, call the Australian Tourist Commission's Aussie Help line at (001) 708/296-4900.

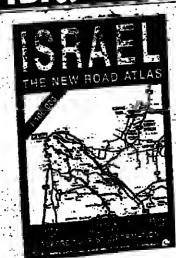
### WHAT TO PACK:

In our winter-their summer light layers will do. But always carry a windcheater (sweat shirt or sweater) and a brolly (umbrella), as the weather is quick to change. Bring a hat and sunscreen-the sun is punishing-and, of course, comfortable bush walking shoes. Money is easy to change at banks, hotels and airports: if you bring traveler's checks, make sure they're in Australian currency, especially if you plan to use them in lesstraveled areas. And don't forget, you need a visa to enter Australia.

### **HOW TO SURVIVE:**

On the plane, don't forget to move around as much as possible. Eat light and healthy, drink more water than alcohol and bring a facial spritzer to keep your skin from drying out. A neck pillow is a must. If you lose your shoes en route, put them back on two hours before landing-or you might not get them back on at all. Set your watch to Sydney time right after takeoff to give your body clocktime to adjust. Sleep as much as you can on the plane, then hold off hitting the sheets until the locals do. (Some sojourners swear melatonin pills, available at stateside drug and healthfood stores, ease jet lag.)

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# Bulls stay derailed

PHOENIX (AP) - The Chicago Bulls are on a losing streak. And Charles Barkley and the Phoenix Suns are looking like an NBA power again.

Barkley scored 35 points and grabbed 16 rebounds as the Suns handed the Bulls just their fifth loss of the season with a 106-96 victory Tuesday. It was the Bulls' second second defeat in three

Elliot Perry broke o 96-96 tie with two free throws and a jumper. Barkley hoisted Perry over his shoulder and carried him to the bench as Chicago called

Then Barkiey stoic the inbounds pass for his breakaway dunk, and the celebrating began. Michael Jordan scored 12 of his 28 points in the final six minutes of the fourth quarter, helping the Bulls come from as many as nine poiots behind to tie it at 93 and 96. Magic 112, Kings 102.

The Orlando Magic moved a game closer to the NBA record for home wins at the start of a season.

Anfernee Hardaway scored 24 points and Shaquille O'Neal had 22 as the Atlantic Division leaders improved to 25-0 at Orlando Arena and extended their NBA-high, home winning streak to 32 regular-season games daong back to last spring.

The record for home victories at the start of a season is 27, set by Washingtoo in 1946-47.

Lakers 99, Nuggets 78 Magic Johnson scored 16 points dished out 12 assists and narrowly missed a triple-double with nine

Johnson, in his fourth game since ending his retirement last week, played 33 minutes and showed flashes of his old self, particularly in the final

TUESDAY'S RESULTS: Cleveland 91, Boston 73 San Antonio 109, Charlotte 102 Orlando 112, Sacramento 102 Phoenix 106, Chicago 96 Milwaokee 114, Daflas 111 L.A. Lakers 99, Denver 78



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### Sheffer scores 22 as UConn extends win-streak to 21

STORRS, Conn. (API - A balanced scoring attack and Austin Croshere's foul troubles helped Connecticut remain unbeaten in the Big East.

Doron Sheffer led UConn with 22 points and Ray Allen added 21 as the No. 4 Huskies bent Providence 99-76 Tuesday might. extending the Huskies' win streak to 21 games.

Kirk King added 20 points on 9-for-10 shooting for UConn (22-1. 12-0 Big East), which took advantage of the foul trouble of Croshere, Providence's leading

The Huskies also got good efforts by Eric Hayward and Rudy Johnson. Hayward muscled his way through the lane for shots and rebounds and linished with 10 points, three shy of his career high. Johnsoo had two key steals,

I think what we did do is play with good defensive pressure." said UConn coach Jini Calhoun. "Secondly, we got a very good offensive performance, more haianced without just relying on Ray's greatness, at times."

Croshere, limited to four minutes and held scoreless before halftime, did his best to keep the Friars (12-8, 5-71 in the game. even after getting his fourth foul six minutes into the second half.

Croshere linished with 16 points, including four 3-pointers, before fouling out with 4:25 remaining and the Friars trailing

"Austin Croshere getting in foul trouble certainly hurt us," said Providence coach Pete Gillen, "It didn't cost us the game obviously. but I think it would have been a more competitive game."

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### Maccabi in desperate need of another miracle

WHEN Doron Jamchee sank a last-secood, 20-meter-shot to give Maccabi Tel Aviv a dramatic 78-75 wio over Cibooa Zagreb last December at Yad Eliahu, it seemed destiny was ready to push the Israelis into the quarter-fioals the European Club

Championships. But instead of inspiring Maccabi to great heights, that victory – which boosted Tel Aviv's record to 4-2 and sole possessioo of second place in Group B - has been the team's last hurrah.

Since then, Maccabi has lost five of six European games, with its only victory coming over lastplace Benfica Lisbon.

Forume, however, has kept Tel Aviv's hopes alive for a quarterfinal berth (see box), despite the lackluster play that has seeo Maccabi lose two straight European home games.

So a victory tonight in Zagreb over Cibona, 6-6, would be much more than a morale booster. It. could keep Maccabi in the race heading into the final pool's last cootest next week at home against Panathinaikos.

Cibona, however, is also io the midst of the race and is oot eager

al situation is not as dire.

lose next week against visiting Cibona.

Meeting

resolve

dispute

CALCUTTA (AP) - Organizers of the World Cup cricket tourna-ment have scheduled a meeting

one day before the opening cere-

mony to resolve the dispute over

Australia and West Indies playing

in Sri Lanka, it was announced

yesterday.

Australia,

other contenders, the Israelis would lose out.

Magic formu

This is what needs to happen for Maccabi to advance:

DESPITE a writing off of Maccabi's chances to advance to the quar-

ter-finals by most of the press as "minute" or "theoretical," the actu-

It must win its remaining two games (oext week is a home contest

Buckler Bologna must lose its last two games, which is oot such a

long-shot since it plays at Panathinaikos today and hosts Real Madrid

· Pau-Orthez, which beat Barcelona 82-70 last oight at bome, must

Assumiog Maccabi beats Ciboos Zagreb tonight, Maccabi would hold the ue-breaker advantage over the Croatians since it would have

If Maccabi eods the final pool with the same record as any of the

However, if Maccabi is tied with both Cibona and Pau-Orthez,

Maccabi would advance since it would have a better record in the games played among the tied teams (3-1) than either Orthez (2-2) or

BRIAN FREEMAN

to repeat its only loss this seasoo oo its bome court - 93-82 last month to Panathinaikos.

Zagreb is centered around the same young core that made the quarter-finals last season before losing to evectual European champions Real Madrid.

It is led by 24-year-old forward Veljko Mrsic, who missed the first two games of the championships recovering from knee surgery. He has since averaged a team-best 16.4 points a cootest; including 41.7 percent (15-36) from threepoint range.

He is one of three Cibona regulars with a three-point accuracy rate above 40%. The team loves to launch the ball from behind the arc, putting up 24 three-pointers a game, compared to only 11 for its opponents. And the overall team success rate is an impressive 39.6% (112-283). Leading the bomb squad in per-

Vladan Alanovic, who scores most of his 9.8 poiots a cootest oo three-pointers (20-45; 44.4%). His backcourt mate, 21-year-old

centage is 28-year-old guard

Damir Mulaomerovic, averages

### 12.0 points a game, helped by a team-leading 62 attempts from behind the arc and a 41.9% suc-

cess rate (22-62). Small forward Davor Marcelic, 26, also loves to heave the longrange shot, but he is only connecting on 35.4% (17-48) of the shots.

However, he is 6-8 (75%) in his

last two games. = One of Cibona's main problems is that when the shots miss, they have trouble grabbing the rebounds. In fact, Cibona has outrebounded only one opponent in the past 10 games and is suffering from a 301-266 disadvantage on

the boards for the season. Despite the chance that remains for Maccabi to advance in Europe, the team talks about concentrating on the State Cup and league. However, even that is giving the team problems, as Maccabi oarrowly avoided an upset against last-place Hapoel Gvat in league play on Sunday.

Yarom Harush has been hired as assistant coach to help Zvi Sherf turn the team around before it repeats the disastrous 1992-93 season, when Maccabi finished last in its European final pool and lost both the league and State

Maccabi holds a 7-4 all-time record against Cibona, including 1-2 at Zagreb. Maccabi is 7-8 overall in the former Yugoslavia.

Tip off is scheduled for 9 pm and will be shown live oo Channel

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10 00 other three-way or four-way tie would Maccabi come out the club that advances. B.F.

### Harva wins **Magnes Race HEATHER CHAIT**

YESTERDAY'S rare and winter weather brought out munitreds of runners to Hebrew University's Givat Ram campus to compete io the 45th Magnes Race. Aloogside the 2,300 meter pop-

tive Frankei Race was held for The 5,000 meters Frankel Race was woo by Ataly Harva from Maccabi Tel Aviv in a time of 16:28 minutes while Etty Kirma

ular Magnes Race, the competi-

from ASA Jerusalem strode home first in the womeo's section for her fourth consecutive title, registering 20:17 mins. The Magnes Race sttracted a

iog committee. Australia and West Indies have refused to play in Sri Lanka, citing security risks to view of last week's bombing in Colombo.

time of 8:01 mins. Shira Weiss. from ASA Jerusalem won the parallel girls section in 9:03 Among the contestants in the-

3,000m. walk was Olympic racewalker, Professor Shaui Ladani, who has competed in this race since 1955. Other winners over the 5,000m.

distance were men (over 40) Motti Saguy, womeo (over 35) Raheli Nager, boys (ontil Omer Fattal and girls (until 18) Maya Carmi.

The event, organized by the Hebrew University's Cosell Center and Jerusalem Municipality's Sports Authority, formed part of Jerusalem's 3000th birthday festivides this

### Israel-Norway Davis Cup draw today ORI LEWIS

THE draw for the Davis Cup Euro/African Zone Group i tie between Israel and Norway takes place at Ramat Hasharon today.

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While the draw will have little effect oo the outcome of the encounter - with only the order of singles matches tomorrow and Sunday being determined - the weather may iodeed have a considerable bearing on the tie.

Ramat Hasharon is the initial veoue for the three-day event. although if raio should intervene, play may be moved to an indoor court in Ra'anana.

The facility has already been prepared, although the decision to move will be made by the ITF referee on site, Fabrice Shouquet of

Today's draw at noon will determine the order of play. With the latest Davis Cup format introduced three years ago, each No. I player is pitted against his opposite No. 2 tomorrow, with the No. 1 players and the No. 2 players meeting in the reverse singles on Sunday. The draw will only determine which match plays first on

Tomorrow, therefore, Israel's No. 1 Eyal Ran will meet his No. opponeot Helge Koll, while Norway's top player, Christian Ruud wili play Noam Behr. Israel will be looking to aveoge its 4-1 defeat at the hands of the Norwegians in the same eveot last

If Israel wins the tie it will have o bome meeting against Spain io April, while a loss would pit it against either Croatia or Ukraine away for the right to stay to Group

### Soccer clubs back expansion

GENEVA (AP) - Europe's most powerful soccer clobs yesterday backed UEFA's plans for major expansion of its club competitions while making no moves towards setting up their own super league. lo an unprecedented face to face meeting with the owners of 33 clubs, including AC Milan, Ajax of Amsterdam, Bayern Munich, Real Madrid, Barcelona and Manchester United, UEFA presideot Lennart Johanssoo suggested expanding the Champions League from 24 to 32 teams.

He also spoke of the most successful nations, such as Italy, get-League instead of ooe. Losing teams in the preliminary round also could get a second chance of European glory by gaining places into that season's UEFA Cup.

The suggestions appeared to get widespread approval.

Johanssoo said UEFA planned to brief clubs oo some ideas it had for the future.

### SPORTS BRIEFS

### Bruck sets another record

Success, to Yoav Bruck, seems to lead to more success. Bruck set another Israeli record yesterday at Imperia in the Italian Riviera swimming to the 50 meter freestyle event.

His time of 22.16 seconds knocked 14 hundredths off his previous Israeli record set in Paris last week and carned him the bronze medal behind Britain's Mark Foster, who came in with a time of 21.70 seconds and world champion Alexander Popov of Russia who finished second in 21.40. In the World Cup series of short-course pool tournaments.

Bruck has now collected six medals and achieved nine national Heather Chait

#### Elisha Levy new Zafririm Holon coach Elisha Levy took over the reins at Zafririm Holon yesterday, stepping into the vacant slot left by Mordechai Spiegler. Spiegler left Holon on Monday following a string of poor

results that has dropped the team to 15th place in the National League and in danger of relegation. Levy, who was fired from the helm of Maccabi Herzliya carlier this season, took charge of the first training session yesterday

afternoon in preparation for the weekend's home league clash

with Hapoel Beersheba.

Rosenthal scores as Spurs win Ronny Rosenthal scored the first goal as Tottenham Hotspur beat Wolverhampton Wanderes 2-0 in an FA Cup fourth mund tie at Molineux last night. Rosehnthal's goal came in the eighth minute, with the Londoners' second being scored two minutes later by Teddy Sheringham.

#### Huddersfield reaches 5th round of FA Cup Second-half goals by Darren Bullock and Andy Booth gave Huddersfield a 2-0 win over Peterborough Tuesday night and sent

the First Division club into the fifth round of the FA Cup for the first time since 1972. Huddersfield advanced to a meeting with Premier League sides

Middlesbrough or Wimbledon. Bullock struck in the 52nd minute, hammering a drive from 22 yards past goalkeeper Jon Sheffield. Booth converted a rebound in the 74th minute for his 13th goal of the season.

Two other FA Cup fourth-round games - Bolton vs. Leeds and

Ipswich vs. Walsall - were among the 14 matches in England and

Scotland that were postponed Tuesday because of heavy snow. AP

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### scheduled to World Cup

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Providence 10-20 (Croshere 4-5, Thomas 3-8, M.Brown 2-3, D.Brown 1-1, Murdock 0-1, Shammgod 0-2), Connecticut 4-9 (Allen 2-4, Sheffer 2-5). Fouled out - Croshere. Rebounds - Providence 31 (Garces 6). Connecticut 43 (King 9). Assists - Providence 16 (Shammgod 10), Connecticut 19 (Sheffer 8). Total fouls - Providence 23, Connecticut

#### The meeting is expected to be attended by representatives from West Indies. Zimbabwe. Kenya and the three bost countries - India Pakistan and Sri Lanka, said Jagmohan

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# Bringing the Kadoories back into the fold

On a recent Hong Kong visit, Finance Minister Avraham Shohat successfully courted the famed family, Abraham Rabinovich reports

fier breathtaking diplomatic breakthroughs in the past five years with China, India, the former Soviet empire and the Arab world, Israel has just patched up another long-standing rift - with the Kadoorie family of Hong

It fell to Finance Minister Avraham Shohat during his tour of the Far East to effect reconciliation after 70 years between the Zionist enterprise and a Jewish family reputed to be one of the wealthiest on earth. Shohat was received by Michael Kadoorie, present head of the family, in his opulent home. Shohat extended a formal invitation to the business tycoon to visit the Jewish state

In the words of a press release issued by the Finance Ministry in Jerusalem, "to the delight of those present the invitation was accept-

With strong economic ties to China and other parts of the Far East, the Kadoories are a potentially powerful ally for Israel as it seeks to reach out to that fast-grow-

ing part of the world - important enough to warrant personal cour-ing by Israel's finance minister.

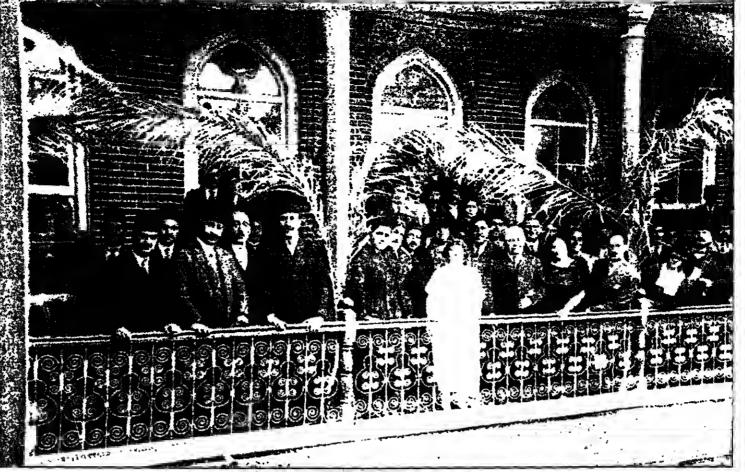
According to Ezra Yehezkel-Shaked, author of a recently published book on the Jews of the Par East, the fallout between the Kadoories and Zionism dates to an alleged insult attributed to none other than Chaim Weizmann.

The two brothers heading the Kadoorie family in the 1920s, Elias and Eliezer, had been supportive of the Zionist movement since 1900 and had helped purchase land on Mount Scopus for the construction of the Hebrew University. When Elias died, the stock exchange in Shanghai, where the family then lived, was closed in mourning, as were other public institutions, Shaked writes in his book Hayehudim. Ha'opium ve Hakimono ("Jews, Opium and Kimono"), published by Reuven

Eliezer traveled to Rome to discoss with Weizmann ways of memorializing his brother in Eretz Yisrael. They agreed on the estabtishment of an agricultural school for Jewish youths near Afula. When British mandatory officials insisted that the school also accept Arabs, a compromise was struck whereby a separate Kadoorie agri-cultural school would be established for Arabs near Tulkarm. (The Jewish Kadoorie school would become the center of Palmah training. One of its graduates would be Yitzhak Rabin.)

When Kadoorie and Weizmann met again in Jerusalem at the opening of Hebrew University in 1925, Kadoorie proposed several other projects. Among them was a "garden city to be financed by Far Eastern Jews most of whom, like the Kadoones, were of Iraqi extraction. The city would be built north of Haifa, on the present site of Kiryat Motzkin. Planned by a Viennese Jewish architect then living in Shangbai, it would have palatial public institutions.

The Zionist leadership, up to its neck in the day-to-day concerns of acquiring land, establishing agricultural settlements and dealing with Arab opposition, was not enthused by this grandiose vision. According to Shaked, the break



Lawrence Kadoorie (front row, fourth from left), Sir Eli Kadoorie (eighth from left) and Horace Kadoorie (ninth from left) on a visit to the Alliance School in Baghdad. Lawrence Kadoorie (top right) and Sir Eli Kadoorie (bottom right).

came when Weizmann said that the money for the project would have to be provided up front hefore work got under way. Deeply insulted, according to this account, Kadoorie broke off contacts with the Zionist movement.

"Thenceforth," Shaked wrote, "Eli Kadoorie focused on establishing educational and welfare institutions for Chinese and for helping Jewish communities elsewhere in the world," An Ashkenazi-Sephardi spin was suggested to Shaked by Ya'acov Alkoub, an American Jew who was close to the Kadoories in

"Eli told me about his conversations with Weizmann about Garden City in a hitter tone." Alkouh recalled. "He said, 'Look. I'm richer than the Rothschilds yet they do

in Eretz Yisrael whatever they please. Only on me are there stric-

IRAQI JEWS first came to China with the British East India Company after the first Opium War, about 150 years ago, Demonstrating a gift for languages and for business, they prospered,

The Kadoories arrived in the 1880s and established themselves in Shanghai, then a small town. Profits derived from trading in rea, porcelain and the like were eventually multiplied by their purchase of large tracts of barren land where China's most dynamic city would

With the arrival of Jewish refugees from Europe at the onset of World War II, the Kadoories and other prominent Iraqi families in Shanghai were instrumental in providing housing and sustenance for close to 30,000 of their Ashkenazi

Eli Kadoorie died during the war. The family enterprises were recalablished in Hong Kong by his two sons. Horace and Lawrence. after their holdings in China had been nationalized by the mainland's Communist regime.

The Kadoories were leading figures in Hong Kong's post-war emergence as an econonic power and they built housing for some 300,000 Chinese refugees who fled to the colony after the communist takeover. As British subjects, Horace was awarded an OBE for his contribution to the crown development and

Lawrence became a lord.

The severance of Kadoorie-Israel relations was not total. After the establishment of the state, Horace traveled to Israel to discuss the possibility of transferring to Jerusalem his fahulous collection of Chinese art, but that plan never worked out. Lawrence visited after the Six

Day War to attend a conference of Jewish millionaires organized by then-finance minister Pinhas Sapir to raise investments, but this visit too left no echo.

According to Shaked, the brothers maintained close contacts with China over the years, despite the loss of their pre-war possessions there. When China began negotiations with Britain for the transfer of the colony to Chinese rule in 1997, Lawrence expressed support





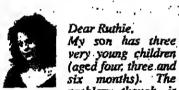
for China's position, says the author.

Horace, who remained a bachelor, is today in his 80s. Lawrence died three years ago at age 94 and his interests in the family enterprises were taken over hy his son Michael.

These enterprises reportedly include power plants - among them a nuclear plant built in China - shipping lines, luxury hotels and extensive real-estate holdings.

In his visit with Micbael, Shobat presented him with photographs of letters sent by his grandfather from Hong Kong in 1913 to Chaim Weizmann. The letters were found in the Zionist Archives. The minister also presented him with an aerial photo of the Kadoorie School.

# Mums have to leave their daughters-in-law alone



Dear Ruthie, My son has three very young children

(aged four, three and

problem, though, is my daughter-in-law. As a mother, she is virtually nonexistent. Her career took an upswing just at the time when she decided to have children (in her mid-thirties). Rather than choose between the two, she had the children, while also spending more and more time away from home. The brunt of the burden now falls on my son and on the au pair. I feel it is not my place to interfere, but I know the situation is not good for the chil-

Grievous Grandma

Netanya Dear GG.

Even if interference were justified, it would do little good. Your son and daughter-in-law have created a family structure with their eyes open. Only their own desire to reassess priorities can make a difference. Since it is your daughter-in-law's career which has taken an upswing, awakening, if any, is likely to come first from

However, do not imagine that your daughter-in-law experiences no guilt about spending so little time with her children. Motherhood lends itself to feelings of failure under the best of circumstances.

What you can do is to be as supportive of the children as possible.

(For children at such tender ages, "support" translates best into physical presence.) You can continue to hope that their mother will widen ber career to include bet kids ... or that the au pair will take equal pride in her own career.

Dear Ruthie, My husband remarried quite soon after our divorce. We have a 10-year-old daughter. My exhusband's wife recently had o baby. My daughter spends a lot more time with her father and his wife now that the baby gives her something to occupy herself

The problem is that I fear she is being used by her stepmother more as a babysitter than o sibling to the baby. For example, when my daughter is there, her stepmother takes naps at her convenience. I don't want my daughter to feel she has to "work for" her father's love. Should I speak to them about this? Or will they think I'm acting out of jeal-

Exaggerating Ex-Wife?

Jerusalem Dear Ex-Ex.

The fact that your daughter wishes to spend more time with her father and his wife may have to do with a new sense of purpose in her life. Whether her stepmother is taking advantage of this situation is impossible for you to know. She may be allowing your daughter to feel that she is truly a

part of the family.

Your daughter probably experi-**RUTHIE BLUM** enced a degree of apprehension during her stepmother's pregnancy. She may have worried about losing her "place" in her father's life. Once the baby was born, and she was allowed to create this niche for herself, she probably felt relieved. Rather than confronting your ex-busband with your suspicions, give your daughter more time to grow into her new reality.

> it sooner or later. Dear Rushie,

In the two years since separating from my husband. I have not dated anyone. Uneosy about going places olone, I turn in very early every night. I have begun to lose the desire to venture out into the world, except for work and child-related activities. How can I break the cycle?

If she is being used, she will sense

Gauche Gallivanter Somewhere in Israel

Dear GG. The best way to break a cycle is gradually. Select a one-time evening excursionand invite a female friend, if you do not feel ready to brave it on your own. Once you are out, the demons are bound to loom less large. Then

you can plan a second outing ... Letters should be addressed to: 'Dear Ruthie,' POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem. For E-mail, editors@jpost.co.il (Ruthie regrets not being able to guarantee publication of every letter, but will answer every letter

### women soldiers can hack the heavy work

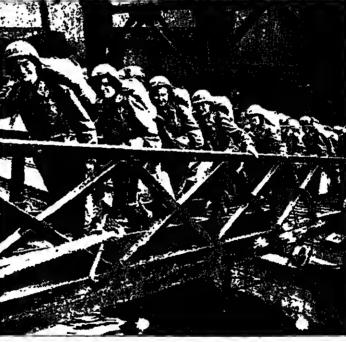
Tith enough strength training, women can load trucks, fix heavy equipment and march under the weight of a loaded backpack as study hy US Army researchers.

Seventy-eight percent of the women tested could qualify for Army jobs considered "very heavy," which involve the occa-sional lifting of 45-kilogram loads, said Everett Harman, the Army scientist who headed the

The results prove that "women are capable of being trained to perform most 'very heavy' military tasks." Harman said.

Before the training study began at the Army's labs in Natick. Massachusetts, only 24 percent of the women tested could lift 45 kg. The volunteers - all but one of them civilians - were lawyers. hartenders, mothers and students. Many had never exercised before. and several had recently had children and wanted to get back in shape; others were recreational joggers. Each earned \$500 for

"When people think of this study, they probably think we're bodybuilding, steroid-taking. weightlifting women." said Jean Haertl, 30, who said she lost 16 kg, over the six months of training. "We range from being very thin and lean to not so thin and lean. We represent the average shape of women."



41 women spent 90 minutes a day, five days a week, performing strength tests designed to simulate specific military tasks. Four trainers, all nationally certified, oversaw their conditioning.

The women lifted 18-kg, boxes

10 heights of 132 centimeters - the average height of an Army flatbed truck - jogged through a 3.2-km. wooded course wearing a 34-kg.

US Army women soldiers carry their packs during a World War II troop transport. Today, women can qualify to carry much more. For 24 weeks beginning in May, backpack, and performed dozens

boxes - the women improved 33

of squars holding a 45-kg. barbell on their shoulders. For the tests most relevant to military tasks - backpacking and the repetitive lifting of heavy

> percent overall. Harman measured the women's success against previous Army studies of men on active duty. In earlier tests, an average Army

man could lift a 58-kg. box to a height of 132 centimeters. Before the study, the women volunteers could lift 70 percent of that. After, they averaged 91 percent of what the men lifted. On average, Harman said,

women bave about 70 percent of the lower body strength of men. and 55-60 percent of men's upper body strength.

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Lori Gilstrap, a strength and conditioning coordinator with the US Olympic Committee in San Diego, said she wasn't surprised that the women improved, especially because they bad never

been professionally trained. But, she said, women can't be expected to match men's strength because they have much lower

levels of testosterone. "For women to lift the exact

amount that a male could lift, say in a bench press, is going to be very, very difficult," she said. Critics charged last year that the

study, conducted by the Army Research Institute Environmental Medicine, was a prelude to plans to allow women to engage in band-to-hand combat. Because of that, the \$140,000 study was placed on hold for about five weeks until the controversy subsided.

Women are now excluded from ground combat in the US Army and often are rejected for other jobs because they can't perform the lifting tasks, Harman said.

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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

# Report: Banks miscalculated kibbutz debts

Tzur, Shahal demand official commission of inquiry into allegations

Ya'acov Tzur and Internal Security Minister Moshe Shahal are demanding an official commission of inquiry into alleged kibbutz debis to the banks, after the Procaccia preliminary report, published yesterday, said banks inflated the debts.

Supervisor of Bank's Ze'ev Abeles denied reports that the banks are at risk of collapsing, if mistakes are discovered in the bank's debt calculation.

The draft report said the commercial banks miscalculated charges to kibbutzim over many years and that correcting the mistakes will place doubt on the stability of the banking sector.

"An examination of the mistaken parameters included in the banks' accounts is likely to lead to surprising results," the report said. "These results are expected to differ from one kibbutz to another, but together the results are expected to cast doubt on the majority of the debt and indirectly threaten the stability of the banking system."

The report - which was written by Prof. Uriel Procaccia, a specialist in legal issues and attorney Ya'acov Weinrot - places a strong emphasis on the legal parameters used to calculate the

THE government's privatization

plan would speed up under the

proposed legislative options law

that Finance Minister Avraham

Shohat plans to snhmit to the

ministerial committee on legisla-

tion this week, before bringing it

The proposal involves distrib-

uting to the public free options that could be used to purchase, at

a discount, a package of shares in

firms that are being privatized.

- headed hy Finance Ministry Di-

· rector-General David Brodet

- proposed to distribute options to

tion of the option program

- should speed up the state's sale

of holdings in large commercial

banks and other firms. Shohat

proposes to start the process with

the sale of 40% of Bank Leumi.

25% of United Mizrahi Bank,

25% of Israel Discount Bank,

is also expected to contribute to

and 25% of Israel Chemicals.

The Treasury said the program

citizens to help privatize govern-

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to the Knesset.

Several months

i ment-owned companies.

"We believe, that at least some of ibese parameters are mistaken, and their correction is likely to lead to significant changes in the bottom line," the report said. "That is, in the size of kibbutz debis to the banks."

The examination was commissioned by the Kibbutz Headquarters, a private association set up to check kibbutz bank accounts. Procaccia is expected to publish a complete report at the end of the

Speaking on Israel Radio, Procaccia said the banking sector will not collapse as a result of the banks' alleged miscalculations, but the country's two largest banks will be faced with a problem.

Abeles said the kibbutz debts do not threaten the stability of the banks, which in their financial statements have already defined them as bad debts and accounted for them in the provisions for doubtful debts clause.

Total kihbutz debts to the banking sector are about NIS 15

"Headlines in the press of risks that the banks will collapse do not at all reflect the reality," said Abeles. "Even if there is some truth to the claims [in the report], the banks have financial reserves to solve the problem if it arises.

the sophistication of the local

capital market and increase the

supply of shares traded on the

listed in the voters' registry -

about 3.8 million people - will be

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ute the options to the public in

the second half of this year.

Three months after distribution,

the stock market will start trading

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possible to convert the options

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These reserves are like an absorbent pillow for possible future losses, and will reduce the possible future damage on the banks profitability."

Abeles emphasized that the Procaccia report is not complete and was commissinged by a body that is not objective. He advised the kibbutzim not to cancel the debt arrangement they have with the banks in order to check their accounts, since it is likely to lead to complete confusion.

The Kibbutz Movement Association sided with Abeles, saying the Kibbutz Headquarters is causing significant harm which may lead to the collapse of the kibbutz debi arrangement.

But not all the kibbutzim

Following the publication of the report, the Kibbutz Headquarters reportedly received dozens of requests from kibbutzim interested in having their accounts checked.

Zafrir Ronen, head of the Kibbutz Headquarters Association, said the implications of the report are that many kibbutzim do not owe money to the banks and in many cases the banks owe money to the kibbutzim.

Bank Leumi, which rejected

Kibbutz Headquarters is trying to take advantage of the primaries to squeeze money out of the

government "The only place where these accusations and claims can be checked is in the courts, and every citizen and kibbutz can do so. the bank said. "So far, despite the Kibbutz Headquarters' repeated accusations, not even one kibbutz has filed a claim of this

this speaks for itself." The Agriculture Ministry. which is demanding an official commission of enquiry, said Abeles, bank managers and the Treasury are doing everything in their power to prevent an examination of the episode.

kind against Bank Leumi, and

"During the last decade, the kibbutz sector was regarded as a national failure, and the banking sector as the main casualty from the episode. Tzur said. "The debts not only had an economic price but also a social and person-

MK Silvan Shalom (Likud), who is a member on the Knesset Finance Committee banking committee, said is is necessary to check the banks' calculations to avoid an "economic earthquake." He urged Abeles to interfere in the matter to maintain

the findings of the report, said the the reputation of Israeli banks with foreign clients.

MI Holdings, which is in charge of setting the governmentowned banks, said it will be necessary to solve the issue of kibbutz debts before the banks are

Evelyn Gordon adds: MK Haggai Merom (Labor) said either the Treasury or the Bank of Israel must immediately set up a committee to investigate the report's findings.

"This information has been running around for a long time already, and the Procaccia report strengthens the suspicions [of wrongdoing]," he said. "The Treasury must set up a team to investigate the report's findings on the kibbutzim's debts - and, no less important, on the debts of ordinary citizens."

Merom said that while simply suing the banks would be an option, it is preferable for a Treasury or Bank of Israel committee to investigate the issue, because "there is also an important public aspect here."

If the banks have been overcharging, he explained, it is not enough that they repay the

The government must also find ways to ensure that this does not

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

Hydro-Aluminum buys 10% of Alubin from Dovret Shrem: Hydro-Aluminum of the Norsk-Hydro metals group has purchased 10 percent of Alubin Industries from Dovrat Shrem Industries, along with options to purchase an additional 20% share. Norsk-Hydro group, Norway's largest industrial concern, has long been a supplier of raw material to Alubin.

Aloni signs general license for Pelephone operations: Communications Minister Shulamit Aloni yesterday signed the general license that establishes the legal framework for the operations of the Pelephone company, in which Motorola and Bezeq are partners for the supply of cellular phones. Pelephone won the tender as the first supplier of cellular phone service in 1983, but for the last 13 years has functioned without its own general license, using instead Bezeq's general license. When Pelephone's competitor, Cellcom, won its tender to

compete over a year ago, the ministry committed itself to preparing a general license for Pelephone. After long negotiations, these details have been worked out.

Customs Authority, Russia cooperate to catch smugglers: The Customs Anthority signed an agreement yesterday with its Russian counterpart to provide each other with information and assistance in helping to catch Russian smugglers operating here and in Russia, a Customs Authority spokeswoman said. In the agreement, both sides promised to provide information to help catch, bring to trial and convict people, namely members of the Russian mafia, who are suspected of smuggling drugs and other goods into Israel.

Lidan Business Enterprise subsidiary ICTS International has won a \$40 million contract to provide a large international airline with security inspection services across Europe for the next three years. Lidan said it was not yet able to estimate the impact of the deal on ICTS. Rachel Neiman

Plastic Magen has won a \$150,000 contract to provide two solar collector systems to heat the official swimming pools at the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta.

Oppenheimer and Co. has reiterated its buy recommendation of Madge Networks shares. "We look forward to the positive opportunity for Madge to leverage an expanded sales force and channel with its quickly growing product portfolio." Madge acquired Lannet last November. Rachel Neiman

Volcan (Volta) Batteries has announced net profits of NIS 2.199 million for last year, compared with net losses of NIS 103,000 in 1994. Revenues increased to NIS 42.45m. from NIS 37.2m.

### VocalTec begins trading on Nasdaq

DOVRAT Shrem investment The fund will be a joint effort, vocallec began on Nasdaq.

The VocalTec share closed at \$17%, after reaching a high during the day of 201/4.

The company, which only one year ago was barely more than a start-np with a good idea - using the Internet to conduct long-distance audio conversations at local phone rates - opened at \$19 per

Dovrat Shrem, together with investment honse Cowan and Co., will establish a \$50 million venture capital fund to invest primarily in 1sraeli technologybased companies.

ed by Dovtal Sincil taking advantage of Cowan and Co.'s expertise in raising capital for high-tech investments.

Dovrat Shrem executive VP Ori Eisenberg confirmed yesterday that cooperation between the two firms had been decided on, adding that "details are not finalized."

This week senior representatives of Cowan and Co. were taken by Dovrat Shrem on a brief introductory tour of several Israeli industries, said Eisenberg, "to show how we manage technology and that there is technology in Israel."

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The committee will be headed by board member Yitzhak Zinger,

who also serves as chairman of IEC's finance committee. "We are

studying financial reports from the western world's leading electric

power providers, and taking into account the changes which will take

place within the company when the drafting of this historic contract is

Zinger said his committee will focus on reviewing IEC's financial statements to ready itself for fundraising both in Israel and abroad.

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### not expect to be significantly affected by the Pentagon's cancel-

lation of a \$4.3 billion program that included IAI's Hunter twoengine drone, company sonrces said yesterday. One senior source said a "num-

A Polish miner checks his overalls in a locker room at the Piast Colliery yesterday. Poland's coal

miners from the Silesian region went on strike on Monday, demanding higher pay and government

ISRAEL Aircraft Industries does

clined to elaborate.

ber of clients are interested in the Hunter and there are advanced negotiations." The source de-

### India gov't divided over currency policy

NEW DELHI (Reuter) - Indian officials appeared to be split on currency policy yesterday, with the Finance Ministry saying it was not worried about the rupee's

sharp plunge against the dollar.
"There is no cause for alarm." Finance Secretary Montek Singh Ahluwalia said.

The rupee hit a record low of 38.35 per dollar yesterday, more than four percent below its opening level on Monday and 10% lower than at the start of 1996. Industry analysis said it could

tumble as low as 40 to the dollar

before coming general elections.

The hands-off stance of Abluwalia, the highest-ranking civil servant in the Finance Ministry, contrasted with strong comments on Tuesday by Commerce Secretary Tejendra Khanna, who chided the central bank for not defending the rupee.

Sources said the cancellation would not immediately affect manpower at IAI's unmanned reconnaissance vehicle division.

The Hunter program was plagued by disputes between California-based TRW and IAI over the management of the program. It is not clear whether the end of the Hunter will also end the coop-

### Japan's current account surplus declines in '95

TOKYO (Reuter) - Japan's huge surplus in its current account - its broadest measure of trade in goods and services - fell for the second straight year in 1995, and the government said yesterday that more falls were in sight.

Japan's current account surplus in 1995 fell to \$110.44 billion from a surplus of \$129.14b. the previous year, a drop of 14.5 percent, according to Finance Ministry data released yesterday. The nation's trade surplus,

which makes up part of the current account calculation, fell to \$134.82b. in 1995 from a \$145.94b. surplus in 1994. "The surplus in the current ac-

count will continue on a shrinking trend," the Treasury said. Economists agreed, saying that Japan's current account surplus was likely to drop again this caleration between the two firms. IAI executives refused to issue

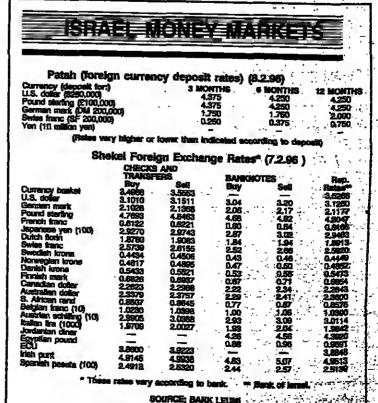
a formal response to the cancellation, saying it was a US decision. Last week, the Pentagon axed

a program developed by TRW Avionics Systems Division and decided instead to speed investment in a competing design for a developed by General Atomics Aeronautical Systems.

TRW has been IAI's American partner in the Hunter, and at one point the Pentagon planned to buy about 400 of them. US defense officials have com-

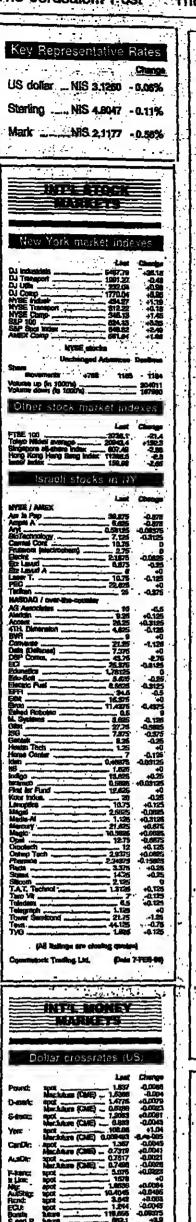
plained of the performance of the Hunter, which crashed three times during test flights. The Pentagon has already

UAV, called the Predator, being / spent \$667m. for seven Hunters.





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INDEXES closed little changed yesterday after two days of losses, as declines in Koor Industries offset gains in Clal.

Koor fell amid investor concern the government will force Bank Happalim to sell its 25-percent stake in the conglomerate.

"The market took the news ahous Koor hadly," said Gad Hacker, head of the international department at Tel Aviv's Betucha Securities Corp.

Koor was the most active issue on the exchange, falling 3% as NIS 8.1 million worth of shares changed hands.

Clal Electronic Industries rose 2.75%, and holding company Clai (Israel) went up 2%, following gains in ECI Telecommunications in New York yesterday. Clal Electronic owns 28% of ECL which rose to a six-month high of 25-11/16 on Tuesday. The Maof Index went up

0.09% to 217.19, and the Two-Sided Index rose 0.06% to 208,44. Of 998 shares trading across the exchange, almost twice as many shares fell as rose. More than NIS 108m. worth of

shares traded, NIS 8.6m. more than yesterday and about NIS 14m. helow the average trading level in January.

Due to the Brodet Committee's recommendations, the government will prohably spin off Koor's shares from Bank Hapoalim, Hacker said, so Bank Hapoalim shareholders will receive Bank Hapoalim shares minus Koor, and a portion of Koor."

That arrangement would be "good for Koor," he said. "It will increase liquidity."

Bank Hapoalim's shares fell 2.25% in late trading, declining amid oews reports partners bid-

Maof index

ding for a stake in the bank were considering dropping out, said Hacker.

The government holds 74% of Bank Hapoalim and plans to sell a controlling interest of 20% to

Other declining banking shares on the Maof Index included Bank Leumi, which fell 1.5%; and First International Bank of Israel Ltd.,

which fell 1.75%. Hacker dismissed the impact of articles in yesterday's press that said the amount of money kibbutzim owe to banks had been miscalculated. The reports said banks had charged inflated interest rates and that the kibbutzim were in fact owed money by the

hanks. Other declining shares included Teva, which fell 0.5%, following declines in the company's ADRs in New York, which fell to 44% on Tuesday, from 45-9/16 on Monday.

Gaining shares on the Maof Index included chemical companies, which reversed two days of losses. Israel Chemicals Ltd. rose 2.75%, Dead Sea Works Ltd. increased 2.5%, Dead Sea Bromine Ltd. rose 2.25%, and Makhteshim Chemical Works Ltd. closed unchanged.

Bezeq rose 1,75%, and Osem weot op 1.25%.

Galning shares on the Two-Sided Iodex included Mofet Israel Technology Fund, which rose 1.5%. Mofet owns a 10% stake in VocalTec, which makes software that lets computer users make cheap phone calls via the Internet.

VocalTec Ltd.'s initial public offering in New York of 2.5 million shares was priced at 19.

(Bloomberg)

### FTSE drops 21 points

**WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP** 

LONDON (Reuter) - UK equi- day low of 11,279.54. ties finished lower, unsettled by a scarcity of any upbeat corporate or economic news, as well as a growing concern that the FTSE could be on the verge of a moderate correction, dealers and strategists said. The FTSE lodex closed 21.4 points lower at 3,726.1.

FRANKFURT - Shares rose in a solid, if not spectacular, day's trading, amid good news from German companies and a recovery on the German bond market. The DAX Index of 30 blue-chip German companies closed trading at 2,446.16, up 17.88 points.

In post-bourse trade the DAX Index stood at 2,442.43.

TOKYO - Shares ended with solid gains, with a surge in hightech shares in New York encouraging investors to buy similar types of shares in Tokyo. The 225-share Nikkei average ended up 192.34 points, or 0.93 percent, at 20,943.49 after hitting a high of 21,039.27.

HONG KONG - Shares erased sharp losses triggered by Cheung Kong's major placement to end narrowly mixed on continued inflow of funds. The hlue-chip Hang Seng lndex dipped 2.79 points to end at 11,388.59, off a

Turoover halloooed to HK\$12.61 hillion, including the HK\$5.3h. Chenng Kong placement, from Tuesday's adjusted HK\$7.11b.

SYDNEY - The Australian share closed slightly firmer having spent the day rangehound with no local leads to excite investor interest. The All Ordinaries Index closed 4.0 points higher at 2273.7. An absence of local leads and a lack of investor interest ahead of the national poll on March 2 were cited by brokers as the reasons for the All Ordinaries Index spending the day trapped

in an eight-point range.

JOHANNESBURG - South African shares ended firmer, with golds up on a stronger bullion price and industrials heading upward on renewed positive sentiment.

Dealers said industrials were steady hut negative sentiment had crept in later in the day amid fear that Wall Street could show weakness overnight. The All-Share Index was up 38.5 points to 6,960.4, the Industrial Index rose 26.5 points to 8,565.2 and the Gold Index was 50.4 points high-

### Dow pushes further into record territory

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (Reuter) - After treading water most of the day, blue-chip stocks pushed further into record territory yesterday in a late buying spree.

The Dow Jones industrial average gained 32.51 points to end at a record 5,492.12, according to

early, unofficial results. In the broader market, gainers narrowly edged losers on a very strong volume of 459 million share on the New York Stock

Exchange. The technology-heavy Nasdaq index fell 4.33 points to 1,084.75.

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# Bulls stay derailed

PHOENIX (AP) - The Chicago Bulls are on a losing streak. And Charles Barkley and the Phoenix Suns are looking like an NBA power again.

Barkley scored 35 points and grabbed 16 rebounds as the Suns handed the Bulls just their fifth loss of the season with a 106-96 victory Tuesday. It was the Bulls' second second defeat in three

Elliot Perry broke o 96-96 tie with two free throws and a jumper. Barkley hoisted Perry over his shoulder and carried him to the bench as Chicago called

Then Barkiey stoic the inbounds pass for his breakaway dunk, and the celebrating began. Michael Jordan scored 12 of his 28 points in the final six minutes of the fourth quarter, helping the Bulls come from as many as nine poiots behind to tie it at 93 and 96. Magic 112, Kings 102.

The Orlando Magic moved a game closer to the NBA record for home wins at the start of a season.

Anfernee Hardaway scored 24 points and Shaquille O'Neal had 22 as the Atlantic Division leaders improved to 25-0 at Orlando Arena and extended their NBA-high, home winning streak to 32 regular-season games daong back to last spring.

The record for home victories at the start of a season is 27, set by Washingtoo in 1946-47.

Lakers 99, Nuggets 78 Magic Johnson scored 16 points dished out 12 assists and narrowly missed a triple-double with nine

Johnson, in his fourth game since ending his retirement last week, played 33 minutes and showed flashes of his old self, particularly in the final

TUESDAY'S RESULTS: Cleveland 91, Boston 73 San Antonio 109, Charlotte 102 Orlando 112, Sacramento 102 Phoenix 106, Chicago 96 Milwaokee 114, Daflas 111 L.A. Lakers 99, Denver 78



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### Sheffer scores 22 as UConn extends win-streak to 21

STORRS, Conn. (API - A balanced scoring attack and Austin Croshere's foul troubles helped Connecticut remain unbeaten in the Big East.

Doron Sheffer led UConn with 22 points and Ray Allen added 21 as the No. 4 Huskies bent Providence 99-76 Tuesday might. extending the Huskies' win streak to 21 games.

Kirk King added 20 points on 9-for-10 shooting for UConn (22-1. 12-0 Big East), which took advantage of the foul trouble of Croshere, Providence's leading

The Huskies also got good efforts by Eric Hayward and Rudy Johnson. Hayward muscled his way through the lane for shots and rebounds and linished with 10 points, three shy of his career high. Johnsoo had two key steals,

I think what we did do is play with good defensive pressure." said UConn coach Jini Calhoun. "Secondly, we got a very good offensive performance, more haianced without just relying on Ray's greatness, at times."

Croshere, limited to four minutes and held scoreless before halftime, did his best to keep the Friars (12-8, 5-71 in the game. even after getting his fourth foul six minutes into the second half.

Croshere linished with 16 points, including four 3-pointers, before fouling out with 4:25 remaining and the Friars trailing

"Austin Croshere getting in foul trouble certainly hurt us," said Providence coach Pete Gillen, "It didn't cost us the game obviously. but I think it would have been a more competitive game."

**CONNECTICUT 99** PROVIDENCE 77 PROVIDENCE (12-8)

D.Brown 7-13 3-5 18, Croshere 6-13 0-0 16, Garces 2-6 1-4 5, Shammgod 4-13 2-4 10, M.Brown 4-10 0-0 10, Thomas 3-12 1-2 10, Murdock 1-2 0-0 2, Szybilski 3-4 0-0 6, Acker 0-0 0-0 0, Cole 0-0 0-0 0,

Adams 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 30-73 7-15

Inyatkin 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 37-61 21-Halftline - Connecticut 42, Providence 32. 3-Point goals -

Providence 10-20 (Croshere 4-5, Thomas 3-8, M.Brown 2-3, D.Brown 1-1, Murdock 0-1, Shammgod 0-2), Connecticut 4-9 (Allen 2-4, Sheffer 2-5). Fouled out - Croshere. Rebounds - Providence 31 (Garces 6). Connecticut 43 (King 9). Assists - Providence 16 (Shammgod 10), Connecticut 19 (Sheffer 8). Total fouls - Providence 23, Connecticut

TUESOAY'S TOP 25 RESULTS: No. I Mass. beat Fordham 73-47. No. 11 Vir. Tech beat Ouquesue 69-63.

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### Maccabi in desperate need of another miracle

WHEN Doron Jamchee sank a last-secood, 20-meter-shot to give Maccabi Tel Aviv a dramatic 78-75 wio over Cibooa Zagreb last December at Yad Eliahu, it seemed destiny was ready to push the Israelis into the quarter-fioals the European Club

Championships. But instead of inspiring Maccabi to great heights, that victory – which boosted Tel Aviv's record to 4-2 and sole possessioo of second place in Group B - has been the team's last hurrah.

Since then, Maccabi has lost five of six European games, with its only victory coming over lastplace Benfica Lisbon.

Forume, however, has kept Tel Aviv's hopes alive for a quarterfinal berth (see box), despite the lackluster play that has seeo Maccabi lose two straight European home games.

So a victory tonight in Zagreb over Cibona, 6-6, would be much more than a morale booster. It. could keep Maccabi in the race heading into the final pool's last cootest next week at home against Panathinaikos.

Cibona, however, is also io the midst of the race and is oot eager

al situation is not as dire.

lose next week against visiting Cibona.

other contenders, the Israelis would lose out.

Magic formu

This is what needs to happen for Maccabi to advance:

DESPITE a writing off of Maccabi's chances to advance to the quar-

ter-finals by most of the press as "minute" or "theoretical," the actu-

It must win its remaining two games (oext week is a home contest

Buckler Bologna must lose its last two games, which is oot such a

long-shot since it plays at Panathinaikos today and hosts Real Madrid

· Pau-Orthez, which beat Barcelona 82-70 last oight at bome, must

Assumiog Maccabi beats Ciboos Zagreb tonight, Maccabi would hold the ue-breaker advantage over the Croatians since it would have

If Maccabi eods the final pool with the same record as any of the

BRIAN FREEMAN

to repeat its only loss this seasoo oo its bome court - 93-82 last month to Panathinaikos.

Zagreb is centered around the same young core that made the quarter-finals last season before losing to evectual European champions Real Madrid.

It is led by 24-year-old forward Veljko Mrsic, who missed the first two games of the championships recovering from knee surgery. He has since averaged a team-best 16.4 points a cootest; including 41.7 percent (15-36) from threepoint range.

He is one of three Cibona regulars with a three-point accuracy rate above 40%. The team loves to launch the ball from behind the arc, putting up 24 three-pointers a game, compared to only 11 for its opponents. And the overall team success rate is an impressive 39.6% (112-283). Leading the bomb squad in per-

Vladan Alanovic, who scores most of his 9.8 poiots a cootest oo three-pointers (20-45; 44.4%). His backcourt mate, 21-year-old

centage is 28-year-old guard

Damir Mulaomerovic, averages

### 12.0 points a game, helped by a team-leading 62 attempts from behind the arc and a 41.9% suc-

cess rate (22-62). Small forward Davor Marcelic, 26, also loves to heave the longrange shot, but he is only connecting on 35.4% (17-48) of the shots.

However, he is 6-8 (75%) in his

last two games. = One of Cibona's main problems is that when the shots miss, they have trouble grabbing the rebounds. In fact, Cibona has outrebounded only one opponent in the past 10 games and is suffering from a 301-266 disadvantage on

the boards for the season. Despite the chance that remains for Maccabi to advance in Europe, the team talks about concentrating on the State Cup and league. However, even that is giving the team problems, as Maccabi oarrowly avoided an upset against last-place Hapoel Gvat in league play on Sunday.

Yarom Harush has been hired as assistant coach to help Zvi Sherf turn the team around before it repeats the disastrous 1992-93 season, when Maccabi finished last in its European final pool and lost both the league and State

Maccabi holds a 7-4 all-time record against Cibona, including 1-2 at Zagreb. Maccabi is 7-8 overall in the former Yugoslavia.

Tip off is scheduled for 9 pm and will be shown live oo Channel

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### However, if Maccabi is tied with both Cibona and Pau-Orthez, Maccabi would advance since it would have a better record in the games played among the tied teams (3-1) than either Orthez (2-2) or 10 00 other three-way or four-way tie would Maccabi come out the club that advances. B.F.

### Harva wins **Magnes Race**

**HEATHER CHAIT** 

YESTERDAY'S rare and winter weather brought out munitreds of runners to Hebrew University's Givat Ram campus to compete io the 45th Magnes Race. Aloogside the 2,300 meter pop-

ular Magnes Race, the competitive Frankei Race was held for The 5,000 meters Frankel Race was woo by Ataly Harva from Maccabi Tel Aviv in a time of

16:28 minutes while Etty Kirma from ASA Jerusalem strode home first in the womeo's section for her fourth consecutive title, registering 20:17 mins. The Magnes Race sttracted a

large oumber of eotries from youth movements and schoolchildren with Shimoo Halami from Talpiot Hadera winning the time of 8:01 mins. Shira Weiss. from ASA Jerusalem won the parallel girls section in 9:03 Among the contestants in the-

3,000m. walk was Olympic racewalker, Professor Shaui Ladani, who has competed in this race since 1955. Other winners over the 5,000m. distance were men (over 40)

Motti Saguy, womeo (over 35) Raheli Nager, boys (ontil Omer Fattal and girls (until 18) Maya Carmi. The event, organized by the

Hebrew University's Cosell Center and Jerusalem Municipality's Sports Authority, formed part of Jerusalem's 3000th birthday festivides this

### Israel-Norway Davis Cup draw today

THE draw for the Davis Cup Euro/African Zone Group i tie between Israel and Norway takes place at Ramat Hasharon today.

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While the draw will have little effect oo the outcome of the encounter - with only the order of singles matches tomorrow and Sunday being determined - the weather may iodeed have a considerable bearing on the tie.

Ramat Hasharon is the initial veoue for the three-day event. although if raio should intervene, play may be moved to an indoor court in Ra'anana.

The facility has already been prepared, although the decision to move will be made by the ITF referee on site, Fabrice Shouquet of

Today's draw at noon will determine the order of play. With the latest Davis Cup format introduced three years ago, each No. I player is pitted against his opposite No. 2 tomorrow, with the No. 1 players and the No. 2 players meeting in the reverse singles on Sunday. The draw will only determine which match plays first on

Tomorrow, therefore, Israel's No. 1 Eyal Ran will meet his No. opponeot Helge Koll, while Norway's top player, Christian Ruud wili play Noam Behr. Israel will be looking to aveoge its 4-1 defeat at the hands of the Norwegians in the same eveot last

If Israel wins the tie it will have o bome meeting against Spain io April, while a loss would pit it against either Croatia or Ukraine away for the right to stay to Group

### Soccer clubs back expansion

GENEVA (AP) - Europe's most powerful soccer clobs yesterday backed UEFA's plans for major expansion of its club competitions while making no moves towards setting up their own super league. lo an unprecedented face to face meeting with the owners of 33 clubs, including AC Milan, Ajax of Amsterdam, Bayern Munich, Real Madrid, Barcelona and Manchester United, UEFA presideot Lennart Johanssoo suggested expanding the Champions League from 24 to 32 teams.

He also spoke of the most successful nations, such as Italy, get-League instead of ooe. Losing teams in the preliminary round also could get a second chance of European glory by gaining places into that season's UEFA Cup.

The suggestions appeared to get widespread approval.

Johanssoo said UEFA planned to brief clubs oo some ideas it had for the future.

### SPORTS BRIEFS

### Bruck sets another record

Success, to Yoav Bruck, seems to lead to more success. Bruck set another Israeli record yesterday at Imperia in the Italian Riviera swimming to the 50 meter freestyle event.

His time of 22.16 seconds knocked 14 hundredths off his previous Israeli record set in Paris last week and carned him the bronze medal behind Britain's Mark Foster, who came in with a time of 21.70 seconds and world champion Alexander Popov of Russia who finished second in 21.40. In the World Cup series of short-course pool tournaments.

Bruck has now collected six medals and achieved nine national Heather Chait

#### Elisha Levy new Zafririm Holon coach Elisha Levy took over the reins at Zafririm Holon yesterday, stepping into the vacant slot left by Mordechai Spiegler. Spiegler left Holon on Monday following a string of poor

results that has dropped the team to 15th place in the National League and in danger of relegation. Levy, who was fired from the helm of Maccabi Herzliya carlier this season, took charge of the first training session yesterday afternoon in preparation for the weekend's home league clash

Rosenthal scores as Spurs win

with Hapoel Beersheba.

Ronny Rosenthal scored the first goal as Tottenham Hotspur beat Wolverhampton Wanderes 2-0 in an FA Cup fourth mund tie at Molineux last night. Rosehnthal's goal came in the eighth minute, with the Londoners' second being scored two minutes later by Teddy Sheringham.

Huddersfield reaches 5th round of FA Cup Second-half goals by Darren Bullock and Andy Booth gave Huddersfield a 2-0 win over Peterborough Tuesday night and sent

the First Division club into the fifth round of the FA Cup for the first time since 1972.

Huddersfield advanced to a meeting with Premier League sides Middlesbrough or Wimbledon. Bullock struck in the 52nd minute, hammering a drive from 22 yards past goalkeeper Jon Sheffield. Booth converted a rebound

in the 74th minute for his 13th goal of the season. Two other FA Cup fourth-round games - Bolton vs. Leeds and Ipswich vs. Walsall - were among the 14 matches in England and Scotland that were postponed Tuesday because of heavy snow. AP CONNECTICUT (22-1)

King 9-10 2-3 20, Johnson 3-8 1-2 7, Knight 4-8 0-1 8, Sheffer 5-9 10-10 22, Allen 8-14 3-3 21, Hayward 3, 5 4-5 10, Moore 2-3 1-2 5, Jones 1-2 0-0 2, Klaiber 0-0 0-0 0, Caison 0-0 0, Chapman 2-2 0-0 0-4,

77. A - 8.241. No. 4 Conn. best Providence 99-77. No. 12 N. Car. lost to Maryland 84-78.

### scheduled to resolve World Cup dispute

Meeting

CALCUTTA (AP) - Organizers of the World Cup cricket tourna-ment have scheduled a meeting one day before the opening ceremony to resolve the dispute over Australia and West Indies playing in Sri Lanka, it was announced yesterday.

The meeting is expected to be attended by representatives from Australia, West Indies. Zimbabwe. Kenya and the three bost countries - India Pakistan and Sri Lanka, said Jagmohan Dalmiya, convener of the organiziog committee.

Australia and West Indies have refused to play in Sri Lanka, citing security risks to view of last week's bombing in Colombo.

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INDEFATIGABLE describes 90-year-old Shimon Finkel. the last of the great Habimah old-timers. His one-man show, Confessions of an Actor, plays on the Habimartef stage tonight at 8:30 p.m. (Hebrew)

#### MUSIC

#### MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

THE Israel Camerata Rehovot under Karl-Anton Rickenbacher is at the Henry Karl-Anton Crown Symphony Hall in Jerusalem tonight at 8:00 performing Mozart's 29th symphony and the K. 595 piano concerto (soloist Ohad Ben-Ari). There is also Stravinsky's Concerto in D and the premiere of Mark Kopytman's Cantus VI for oboe and chamber orchestra. with soloist Gabriela Bukowski.

Ben-Ari shifts from symphonic to chamber music as be joins the New Israeli Woodwind Quintet in a Tuesday at the Suzanne Dellal Center to Tel Aviv. chamber music evening featuring selections by Janecek, Beethoven, Partos and Françaix Samuday (8:30) at the Israel Music Conservatory

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in Tel Aviv. The Piano Celebration chamber music series in Ashdod continues Saturday with an uncharacteristic non-piano evening featuring guitarist Yoram Zerbih, cellist Luba Rabin, violinist Misha Lerner, flautist Evgeny Gorzalchick and trumpet player Dmitry Levitas playing selections by Haydn, Beethoven, Paganini, Sarasate, Rossini and Rodrigo. 8:30 at Ashdod's WIZO Center.

Yair Delai and Ensemble Al'ul perform e program of original compositions by Delal which are based on Jewish and Arabic ethnic traditions Saturday (9:00) at Pargod in Jerusalem...

#### DANCE

#### MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

THE Batsheva Dance Company presents the world premiere of Paul Norton's The Rogue Tool which was especially created for the company with music by British guitarist Fred Frith. The program also features Taro Sarinen's Fluck. Tonight through Seturday and Monday and

ACROSS

couple of notes on speeds.

1 Introduces air with a

5 Girl 'e drools about (7)

9 Mixed nastier drink (7)

10 I am accompanying chaps to London area, it's vasti (7)

11 Look about, right and left,

in a jaunty manner (9)

12 Anna evidently has some

13 The wine got left inside which was very remiss (5)

15 Bring in some kind of reduction (9)

17 Facades of strange play (9) 19 Minister who feels jealousy

22 Jewish priest cuts tail off small animal (5)

23 When caught without a hat, hesitates twice—he

normally talks non-stop (9)

about nothing (5)

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thanks (7)

25 Draw the first cart back,

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27 Finish before the French ship For Eternity? (7)

28 24 managed to take mother to the ber (7)

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easy, then stops (7)

1 Retired painter takes it

2 Excursion or a tour visits

3 Lean on good leader who has a slight obsession (5)

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CRITIC'S CHOICE



The Eusemble Al'ul performs original music based on Jewish and Arab ethnic traditions.

9 except Friday at 10. After tonight's performance there will be a special concert by Frith.

\*\*\* WHITE MAN'S BURDEN Screenwriter Desmond Nakano's directing debut is set in a place that looks exactly like contemporary Southern California - with one crucial difference. Blacks represent old wealth and power, while whites have been consigned to the inner city and the underclass. According to this reversal, the luxurious mansions of Beverly Hills are occupied almost entirely by well-tailored blacks who drive slick Rolls Royces and own corporations. The whites, meanwhile, live in broken-down, dangerous neighborhoods where gangs of skinheads rule the roost. Didactic and, well, black-and-white as this fable may sound, White Man's Burden works hy means of creepy insistence, reducing matters slightly to make its worthwhile point. What's more surprising, the film has a prickly sense of humor. John Travolta and Harry Belafonte are cast perfectly. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance strongly advised)

### FILM ADINA HOFFMAN

4 Fish after entree was quite a surprisel (9)

5 Bloom is found in 24 hrs (5)

6 Fish found on fruit only

7 Auden or, possibly, a poem he wrote (7)

8 Lister made exciting start, but it was unfruitful (7)

14 Bird caused cat, we hear, to

sit up and take notice (9)

16 Will try to have the last

16 Had circulation, though showing no blood colour round part of it (7)

20 I turn green first with giddiness (7)

21 Three feet on one limb is

SOLUTIONS

ACROSS: 5 Waist, 8 Disposal, 9 Brine, 16 Likeness, 11 Agets, 14 Amp, 18 Brayed, 17 Run dry, 18 Shy,

20 Among, 24 Implicit, 25 Acute, 26 Globular, 27 Edict:

useful to a sailor (7)

23 Quotes names (5)

24 March gathering (5)

word on the leader (9)

17 Leave for a drink (7)

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### E CHANNEL 1

6:30 News in Arabic 6:45 Exercise Hour 7:00 Good Morning Israel

#### # EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Helm Gun hosts a discussion group on Natan Atterman's writing 8:30 Reading comprehension 8:45 Society 9:25 Young children's pro-grams 10:00 Family relations 10:30 Art 10:55 English 11:20 Literature 11:35 Science 11:55 English 12:20 Science 12:45 Math 13:00 Math in averyday use 13:30 Stories From the Garbage Heap 15:00 Autoto

#### CHANNEL 1

15:30 Denver, the Last Dinosaur 15:55 8oot Street 8and - BBC school comedy 16:20 Animal Smiles - game show 17:00 A New Evening 17:35 Zap - Culture 18:15 News in

English ARASIC PROGRAMS 18:30 People and Places 18:45 Ramadan Quiz 19:00 News HEBREW PROGRAMS 19:30 Every Evening with Marav Michaeli 20:00 Mabat News 20:45 Basketball: Maccabi Tet Aviv vs. Sasketbail: MacCabi Tel AVIV Vs. Tsibona Zagreb 23:00 Tea for Two – 1993 intarviaw with the late Dr. Ytsrael Eldad 23:30 Naws magazine 00:00 Verse of the Day

#### **E CHANNEL 2**

13:00 Children's program in Arabic 13:35 From the Concert Hall: The IPO conducted by Zubin Mehta plays
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The Dark Angel - BBC mini-series
set in the 18th century. An orphan girl
is sent to live with her uncle whom she knows only from a portrait 01:35 The Boys From Brazil (1978) - Nazi doctor Mangela plans a race of superman. With Laurence Olivier as

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#### MIDDLE EAST TV

14:00 The 700 Club 14:55 Film 16:30 Moomins 16:55 Healhclift 17:20 Inspector Gadget 17:45 Flying House 18:10 Hawaii Five-O 19:10 Megnum P.t. 20:00 World News Tonight Arabic 20:30 CNN Haadline News 21:00 Blue Skies 21:30 Jake and the Fatman 22:20 Law and Order 23:10 The 700 Club 00:00 Special Program

#### FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

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#### MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

10:30 After the Sun - Arabic movie 12:20 Dishonored Lady (1947) (rpt) 13:45 Mad Ads 14:15 Memphis (1992) (rpt) 15:50 Shattered Draams (1990) – drame based on a true story about a well-to-do Washington wife who sues her husband for physically who sues her husband for physically abusing her. Starring Lindsey Wagner and Michael Nouri (89 mins) 17:25 Local Hero (1983) (rpt) 19:25 Teen Wolf Too (1987) (rpl) 21:00 Tha Godfather III (1990) - This sequel marks the end of the line for the Corleone family. Michael (Al Pacino) tries to leave the family but his tastillulor, careless neobew (Andy living careless nephew (Andy Garcia) makes it impossible. Directed by Francis Ford Coppola (154 mins) 23:40 Illusions (1992) – erotic thriller starring Heather Locklear and Emma Samms. A woman recovering from a nervous breakdown suspects her sister and husband are having an affair, but she wonders whether she is just being paranoid. Directed by Victor Cole (98 mins) 1:20 Totally Exposed (1992) arctica 2:40 The Naked Tard Anthony Perkins stars in this com (rpt) 4:20 Captive (1991) - e cou-pie's dream turns into a nightmare when they are kidnapped by two wanted criminals (rpt) 5:55 Whose Line Is it Anyway?

E CHILDREN (6) 6:30 Cartoons 8:00 Surprise Garden 8:35 Spiderman 9:00 C.O.W. Boys 9:40 Marco 10:10 High-school Cornedy 10:45 Party of Five 11:40 Loony Toons 12:00 Saved by the Bell 12:30 Hugo 13:00 Surprise Garden 13:35 Treasure Island 14:00 Professor Iris 14:30 Who Knows 6?

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#### ■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Network (1979) - Sydney Lumet's Oscar-winning satire on the backbiting and politicking behind the scenas et 8 TV news station that will scenas et 8 TV news station that will do anything to win ratings. Starring Peter Finch, Feye Dunaway, Robert Duvall William Holden and Ned Beatty. Smart script by Paddy Chayefsky (118 mins) 00:00 Horror of Dracula (1958) — The vampire count from Transylvania arrives in Victorian London looking for love and fresh blood. Christopher Lee plays the baddy, Pater Cushing is the good guy Dr. Van Helsing who stakes him out. Terence Fisher is the director (77 mins)

#### DISCOVERY (8)

6:00 Open University: Science and Nature 12:00 Nature Films 13:00 Tha Next Step 13:30 Connections 14:00 Open University (rpt of morning's programs) 16:00 Nature Films 17:00 Tha Naxt Step 17:30 Connections 18:00 Open University (rpt of morning's programs) 20:00 Great Castles of Europe 20:30 Fields of Armor 21:00 Talescope 21:30 Wild Film 22:00 Wurzburg Mozart Festival 23:35 Mozart's Piario Quartat, K.478 00:00 Mozart's Piano Quariet, K.478 00:00 Mozart's Piano Ouartet, K.493 00:35 Danzanta 1:05 Opan University (repeat of morning's programs)

#### ■ ITV 3 (33)

16:00 News 16:15 Art magazine 17:15 Migrating 8irds 18:00 NBA magazina and Inside Stuff 19:30 News in Arabic 20:00 Mabat 20:45 Telekessef 21:15 The Night of the Telekesser 21:15 The Night of the Iguana — a priest rejects his self-styled hypocritic calling and leaves for Mexico to become a tour guida. Staming Richard Burton and Eva Gardnar. Directed by John Huston 23:15 Opening Shots 00:00

#### **■** ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Hey Ded 16:00 Home Court table tennis 17:00 At the Bottom of the Sea with Delphi 17:30 Time Out The Sea With Depnil 17:30 Time Out 18:00 Jewish Mysticism 18:30 On Second Thoughts - Public relations 19:00 Zaro Hour (rpt) 19:30 Magazine in Russian 20:00 A New Evening (with Russian subtitles) 20:30 Small Business 21:00 Zombit Publicates 21:30 Human History on Business 21:30 Human History on Faces – talk on the weekly Torah portion with Yaron London 22:30 Jewish Philosophy

#### SUPER CHANNEL

6:00 The Selina Scott Show 7:00 6:00 The Segma Scott Show 7:00
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### STAR PLUS

6:00 Beverly Hillbillies 6:30 Ciao Italia 7:00 El TV 7:30 Gabrielle 8:30 Santa Barbara 9:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 10:00 Oprah Winfrey 11:00 Remington Steele 12:00 Ciao Italia 12:30 El TV 13:00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 13:30 Small Wonder 14:00 The Black Stallion 14:30 Batman 15:00 Home and Away 15:30 Entertainment Tonight 16:00
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#### **E CHANNEL 5**

6:30 - 8:00 Bodies in motion 16:00 Bodies in motion 16:30 NBA: Phoenix vs Chicago 18:15 NBA Allstars preview 19:00 National women's league basketball 20:00 Boxing 21:00 WWF 22:00 Dutch league soccer 23:30 NBA Allstars

#### **EUROSPORT**

9:30 Horse racing 10:30 Leisure sports 11:00 Euroski 11:30 Live women's blathlon from Germany 13:00 Motorsports magazine 14:30 Formula 1 15:00 Snowboard 15:30 Soccer friendly: Spain vs Belgium 17:00 Snooker 18:00 Darts 19:00 Women's biathlon 20:00 Boxing 21:00 Truck racing 22:00 Pro-wrestling 23:00 Tractor towing 90:00 Aerobics 1:00 ATP tennis 1:30 Golf

#### ■ PRIME SPORTS

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Rollerblading 15:30 Cricket 16:00
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#### BBC WORLD

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#### **ECNN INTERNATIONAL**

News throughout the day 6:30 Inside Politics 8:30 Moneylina 9:30 World Report 10:30 Showbiz Today 11:30 CNN Newsroom 12:30 World Report 13:00 Business Day 14:30 World Sport 15:00 Asian News 15:30 Business Asia 16:00 Larry King Live 17:30 World Sport 18:30 Business Asia 21:00 World Business Today 21:30 CNN World News 22:00 Larry King Live 00:00 World Business Today Update 00:30 World

#### **RADIO**

#### **NOICE OF MUSIC**

6:06 Morning Concert 9:05 Schumann: Kinderscenan op 15 (Lupu), Märchenerzählungen op 13 (13; Romences by Rimsky-Korsakov, Borodin, Mussorgsky, Balakirev; Stravinsky: Le baiser de la fée ballet (La Scala/Muti); Bartok: Concerto tor orchestra (Boston/Ozawa) 12:00 Noon with Gideon Hod - familiar music and quiz 14:06 Encore 15:00 Voice of Music magazine 16:00 Charpentier: Les Arts Floris quartet in B flat K589 (Solomon Qt) Schumann: Waldscenen; Franck String quartet op 121 (Amati Ot) 18:00 New CDs - Stamitz: Basset hom concerto in B flat. Clarinet and bassoon concerto in B flat; Orff: Aphrodite's Victory 20:05 From the Recording Studio – Israel Camerata Rahovot, cond. Karl Anton Rickenbacher, soloists Ohad Ben-Ari (piano), Gabriela Bukovsky (oboe). Mark Kopytman: Cantus VI for oboe and chamber orch; Mozart Piano concerto no 27; Stravinsky: Concerto in D; Mozart: Symphony no 29 23:00 From the Record Shelf

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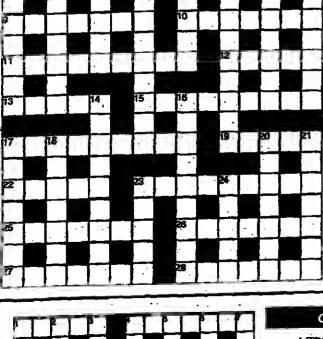
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# Amir's lawyers likely to use temporary insanity defense

SWITCHING strategy, the new defense attorneys for Yigal Amir will probably argue that his client was emotionally troubled when he shot and killed prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, and therefore not fully accountable for his deed.

Four psychiatrists are expected to examine Amir on Friday in Beersheba's Oheli Kedar lockup to determine his mental state. The psychiatrists' evaluations are to be presented to the court next week. The examination was suggested

last week by Tel Aviv District Court Judge Edmond Levy over the prosecution's objections, and accepted by defense lawyers Shmuel Fleishman, Gabi Shahar, and Jonathan Goldberg.

Fleishman said he will file a re-

quest with the court asking that the psychiatrists view all filmed material in the hands of the prosecution, including Amir's reenactment of the November 4 killing for police and amateur photographer Ron Kempler's video of the shoot-

"It is important that the psychiatrists view all filmed material, if necessary several times, to determine Amir's state of mind at every second during the shooting," said

"It has been said by police that he is a cold fish, in which case, how could he have been in control of his faculties at the time of his actions?" he said.

Fleishman, who, with Shahar, was appointed by the court last week to represent Amir after two other lawyers quit, said he will

HERZL Noah, 45, suspected of

attempting to murder his

between Israel and France have

resumed. Two days of high-level

eonsultations concluded

yesterday in a meeting between

Defense Minister Shimon Peres

and Jean Claude Mallet, head of

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After he took on the case, his employer, Haim Misgav, fired

The new line of defense, mentioned last week during the trial's most recent bearing, has its roots in an amendment to the law in effect from last August, which says that a defendant does not necessarily have to be ruled permanently insane to use insanity as a de-

"A man will not be criminally responsible for his deeds, if he was unable to choose between actions and prevention ... due to lack of control of his physical

The amendment, said Fleishman, applies to any state of mind that influences a defendant's

"We are not saying he is insane, but that at the time of the killing he may have suffered from lack of control and was gripped by a dyb-buk, or that he misinterpreted din rodef," said Fleishman. He said, however, that the defense team has not yet finalized its line of

If this new line of defense is adopted and accepted by the court, theoretically Amir could be given a lesser sentence.

Amir has repeatedly insisted that he was fully sane at the time of

The defense still has not compiled its list of witnesses.

### Aloni won't run with Meretz or form new party

SARAH HONIG

COMMUNICATIONS Minister Shulamit Aloni announced yesterday she will neither run for the Knesset nor form a new attempting to murder his wife party to compete with Meretz. Her announcement came on a Channel 1 children's TV program - Zap Bainyanim.

While by retiring, Aloni may dim Meretz's electoral prospects somewhat, her decision is not expected to take votes away from the party.

If the curious venne of the her announcement baffled observers, the timing was less of a mystery. Her statement came soon after a Meretz offer that she ac-

cept the party's first slot, but not be its head. The idea was to mollify her by not ohliging her

### joint list with DAP ing with Ahmed Tibi.

'Hadash rejects

HADASH Knesset faction chairman Hashem Mahameed yesterday completely rejected claims by MK Taleb a Sanaa (Democratic Arab Party) that the two parties are considering running on a joint list for the upcoming elections. A Sanaa said a joint team had

been established to discuss the issues involved. "A united party would ensure greater Arab repre-

sentation in the next Knesset protect the value of the Arab vote, and influence the diplomatic and peace processes," he said. He said DAP is also holding discussions with other smaller Arah groups, but is not negotiatsponsible." "Hadash is not a oneman party, and only its central committee can decide on issues affecting the elections," Mahameed said. He called on "all groups, Arah or Jewish, interested in promoting peace and equality" to join Hadash. MK Tamar Gozansky (Ha-

Mahameed called a-Sanaa's

statements "baseless" and "irre-

dash) also dismissed a-Sanaa's claim about running on a joint ticket. "It's rubbish. It's just a power play by a-Sanaa aimed at angering [DAP leader] Abdul

Wahab Darawshe," she said.

Witness: Yaffa Deri's 'adoptive' parents gave generously to Deris

"They asked her to write that

he's leaving a big sum of money to Aryeh and Yaffa, and she

said, 'we never had such a hig snm of money,' "Siegfried

"First they wanted a state-

ment that he left money. They she was complaining that the people from Borough Park told her he gave them money, and

she said, 'that is impossible, be-

cause I was always the one who

continued.

ey was left to the Deris, Sieg-The prosecution concentrated mostly on Siegfried's statements regarding two close friends of the Deris who lived in Borough Park, Brooklyn. Yaffa had told the Werderbers they could call on these friends for anything,

and Esther Werderber often took advantage of this offer, she In the months before her death, Esther "would tell me those people are asking her to write a letter ... [saying] Mr. Werderber wanted to leave everything to Arych and Yaffa,"

Zissman also said calls hy Jewish Agency Chairman Avraham Burg to close the hureau

Burean chief Ya'acov Kedmi said after the meeting the agency is living under illusions if it thinks it can replace the work

He refused to comment on media reports of irregularities in the hureau and said he knows nothing of accusations that an Israeli diplomat asked to leave Russia had been a burean mem-

"All efforts to turn this into a personal conflict are futile attempts to escape the lethal criticism leveled by the state comptroller against the hurean," Burg said later in a statement. "Personal considerations and manipulations cannot barm the

But another senior agency official had another idea. "The whole problem of coordination could be solved if a different

MK Yossi Ahimeir (Likud) produced a letter sent him by Peres regarding the criticism: "I cannot relate to the validity of the reports about irregularities in the Liaison Bureau, since they are based on a rough draft of the comptroller's report sent to the bureau and other offices for comments," Peres writes.
"The findings [in the draft] were published as facts by the media



Thousands of Christian pilgrims from the Far East and other countries conduct a prayer service yesterday in the Wohl Rose Garden opposite the Knesset, following a march there from the Jerusalem International Convention Center.

## Ex-policeman gets 2 years for sexual assaults

sentenced to two years in prison yesterday by Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court for sexually assaulting three young women suspects. Haliba, who maintained his innocence,

said he would appeal. His arrest shocked the Tel Aviv police. where he had been known as a hardworking and successful detective, particularly as an undercover operative who mingled easily with youth at acid parties.

Haliba was convicted on December 4 of

sexually molesting three young women, two of them minors, who were under investigation for drug offenses.

The court heard that Haliba had given the young women rides home after interrogation. In one case, he told one to close her eyes to "play a game," then kissed and fondled her.

In another instance, he took a young woman to a secinded spot on the beach

where he sexually assaulted her. He suggested to one of the complainants, the daughter of a police officer, that they spend some time together in a hotel. When she refused, he sexually assaulted her-

Judge Dan Arbel said he was handing down an especially severe sentence, despite Haliba's clean record, because he violated the credibility of the police in the eyes of the public. If Haliba had not been a policeman, he said, he might have been

AROUND THE WORLD

### Winning cards

In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the eight of spades, king of hearts, ace of diamonds,

### **Knesset: End rivalry** between Agency and Liaison Bureau

BATSHEVA TSUR

THE rivalry between the Jewish Agency and the government's Liaison Bureau in the CIS must be stopped immediately by the prime minister, otherwise it could have a detrimental effect on aliya, MK Emannel Zissman said yesterday.

He was speaking following a closed session of the Knesset's Immigration and Absorption Committee, which he heads, attended by the head of the hnrean and agency officials.

"There are dark clouds gathering on the horizon in Russia which could interfere with free emigration from there," Zissman said. "If there is no tactical and strategic cooperation between the two bodies, it could affect aliya. Only the prime minister (under whose ministry the bureau falls] has the authority to impose this."

Zissman said Prime Minister Shimon Peres should not wait for the findings of the Vardi Committee, which he appointed to look into the question. "There is too much confusion and too much competition."

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#### estranged wife Orly, is to face a remand hearing this morning at Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court. Police yesterday interrogated

Alleged wife-shooter faces remand

after recovering from suicide attempt

Noah, who is recovering from a suicide attempt, at Tel Hashomer's Sheha Hospital. Police have not yet decided whether to hring him to court for the remand hearing or to bring a judge to his bedside. preliminary questioning, Noah denied

Defense contacts with France resume

ON LEVY

Wiroth.

on Sunday, Police forensics experts are still examining objects found in the rented car in which he was arrested on Tuesday afternoon.

Meanwhile, Orly Noah regained consciousness in Petah Tikva's Beilinson Hospital yesterday, after surgery for gunshot wounds to the head and chest. Hospital staff said she will probably lose one eye and will need extensive rehabilitation.

resumption of defense ties.

to run in the primaries.

She would be cast in the role of elder stateswoman and ideological mentor, but the party chairman would be Environment Minister Yossi Sarid, who would take the second slot, but control the real power in the

Aloni speedily rejected this notion, saying she is adamant about not running. She added that she has "never aspired to the role of elder states-

YAFFA Deri's "adoptive" parents were apparently quite well-off, and gave generously to the Deris, the Jerusalem District Court was told

STRATEGIC consultations French Defense Ministry. Percs expressed satisfaction at the Also participating in the

Judges Ya'acov Zemah, Mir-

eonsultations were Defense Ministry Director-General iam Naor, and Moussia Arad David Ivry, OC Planning Branch Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan, and French Deputy Chief of were hearing a witness flown in from the US by the prosecution in former interior minister Staff Maj.-Gen. Pierre Arych Deri's corruption trial. Deri claims that the money the

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In many respects, the history of Zionism is co-extensive with the history of the Jewish people in the last hundred years. The intense debate between proponents and opponents of Zionism has abated only with the renewal of Jewish statehood in 1948, when world Jewry railied in support of the newly-born state.



### **EVELYN GORDON**

girl from an Israeli orphanage and give her money for her wedconple used to hny several apartments came from his wife's adoptive parents, the late Isser and Esther Werderber of New York, while the state says the Werderbers did not have that \$20,000 for her wedding. kind of money, and that Deri's wealth came from hribes.

Fay Siegfried, a close friend of Esther Werderber, was therefore brought in to testify about the Werderbers' financial state. However, Siegfried's testimony in large measure appeared to support Deri's claims. When she first met the Werderhers in 1963, they did not appear especially wealthy; Isser worked as a leather cutter. But four years later, the Werderbers bought a

"very nice" apartment in a nice neighborhood of New York. In the late 1970s, Isser Werderber had a heart attack and had to quit work, Siegfried said. He went hack to regular Torah studies and became close to a local rabbi. When Werderber said he would like to use his money to perform a mitzva, the

ding. The Werderbers went to Israel, met the 19-year-old future Yaffa Deri, and gave her

According to Siegfried, the Werderbers wanted to adopt Yaffa, hnt could not because she was no longer a minor. However, they always talked of the Deris as their daughter and sonin-law, and proudly displayed pictures of "their grandchildren." Yaffa would call them every Friday, Siegfried said.

The Werderhers sent the Deris "a few thousand dollars" in cash at the birth of every child, Siegfried continued, and commissioned the writing of a \$26,000 Torah scroll when the Deris' son was born. Siegfried said they also gave the Deris money when the couple wanted to hny a larger apartment, though she did not know how

Isser Werderher died in March 1990. After Esther died

#### rabbi suggested that he find a in June 1991, most of their montook care of money." Petition demands investigation of those who over-assessed the value of TAAS

DEFENSE Ministry Director-General David Ivry should be investigated for crimes allegedly committed when TAAS-Israel Industries was converted from a unit of the ministry to a government company, the Movement for Quality Government in Israel demanded in a petition to the High Court of Justice yesterday.

The petition asked that former TAAS chairman Michael Shur and former managing director of the company Gabi Komisar also be investigated.

The suspicions against the three were first revealed in a 1994 state comptroller's report on the defense industries, in which State Comptroller Miriam Ben-Porat said they might have committed deliberate fraud when they presented the company to the government as profitable. The true state of the company was not discovered until much later, and by that time several years had-been lost during which a recovery plan could have been implemented.

Ben-Porat said the resulting loss to taxpayers was as high as \$1 billion.

Ben-Porat gave her findings, along with a report by Prof. Mordechai Kremnitzer of Hehrew University which reached similar conclusions, to Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair. However, Ben-Yair recently decided not to open a criminal investigation - partly for fear that the statute of limitations had expired, and partly due to a lack of evidence demonstrating criminal intent on the part of the three men. Ben-Yair said that given the hyperinflation and TAAS's poor record-keeping in those days, the three might really not have known the company's true situation.

Ben-Porat disapproved of this decision so strongly that she wrote to Ben-Yair and asked him to reconsider. She argued that it is impossible to say there is no evidence of criminal intent if no investigation has been conducted to find such evidence. However, Ben-Yair stnek to his decision.

The Movement for Quality Government therefore petitioned the court, arguing that this decision was unreasonable in the extreme.

